Politics and International Relations

About 70-80% of the graduate job market is open to graduates of any degree discipline. If you’d like to talk more about your options, free to book an appointment with a Careers Consultant (Lucy Hawkins is the consultant linked to your department). In the last two years, Politics and International Relations graduates have gone into a wide variety of jobs including:

- Public Sector
- Charities and Voluntary Work
- Marketing, Advertising and PR
- Recruitment and HR
- Media and Internet
- Accountancy, Banking and Finance
- Armed Forces
- Think Tanks

Roles

Each job title links through to a broad job description, salary and conditions, entry requirements, typical recruiters and links to further pre-assessed useful information.

- Civil Service Fast Streamer (including Foreign and Commonwealth Office)
- EU roles
- Intelligence Analyst
- Political Assistant/Research Assistant
- Public Affairs Consultant
- Social Researcher
- Government Social Researcher
- Market Research
- Charity Officer
- Public Relations Officer
- Sales and Marketing Roles
- Events Organiser
- Human Resources Officer
- Chartered Accountant/Auditor
- Management Accountancy

Finding Opportunities

For job hunting techniques and tips, the following specific websites might prove helpful:

- The Civil Service recruitment site has several links through to both its graduate fast stream pages and more generalist opportunities.
- National Local Government Development Programme (NGDP) is the local government graduate scheme.
- NHS Leadership Academy – NHS graduate management scheme.
- W4MP offers internships, permanent roles and inside information on working within Parliament.
- Policy Jobs – site advertising policy opportunities in the UK and Overseas.
- PubAffairs jobs – public affairs with good job board.
- EuroBrussels - European affairs jobs site.
- JobsGoPublic - for jobs in the public sector.

Access this page and more options at reading.ac.uk/careers/resources
• Specialist recruitment agencies for public affairs, e.g. Electus.
• Political jobs covers political jobs across the globe.

Further Reading
• Prospects.ac.uk guide to Options with Politics and International Relations
• Targetjobs.co.uk guide to Options with Politics