

## Economics

Economics graduates will be found in all sectors of the economy. Many work within the private sector, often directly using their subject knowledge in economic [Consultancies](#), [Financial](#) organisations, or policy think tanks. Many others will enter the Public Sector making use of their [Specialist Economics](#) background, or in other administrative roles in the departments and agencies of [Central and Local Government](#), or the health service. Whilst others will use their background skills and interests in a variety of roles in many other sectors including [Accountancy and Banking](#), [Retail](#), [Manufacturing Industry](#), and the extensive [Communications](#) sector.

### 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.

- [Economist](#)
- [Chartered Accountant](#)
- [Management Accountancy](#)
- [Financial Risk Analyst](#)
- [Investment Analyst](#)
- [Management Consultant](#)
- [Tax Professionals](#)
- [Insurance Underwriter](#)
- [Marketing Executive](#)
- [Higher Education Lecturer](#)

### Finding Opportunities

For researching professional training and other postgraduate courses, [Prospects](#) provides a comprehensive source of information. Many professional economist jobs would expect you to have developed the study of your discipline via a postgraduate course. Lecturers within your department could be a useful source of information on these higher degrees, either taught or by research. Should your desired occupation require a professional course of training, the relevant professional Institute will provide information on available courses. Some of the occupations listed above, e.g. accountancy, would require you to train "on the job", but following professional training courses, sponsored by your employer, but sometimes in your own time. Do check via the information sources above, and by talking to Careers Advisers so that you are aware of the implications of your choices.

As with most occupations work experience, internships, voluntary work and work shadowing can help enormously in helping you to decide not only on the work area that suits you, but also in finding employment. The web links below will provide details of some opportunities. Many opportunities aren't advertised so networking through contacts, department's alumni, societies, and direct approaches to potential employers may also be profitable. Don't neglect the possibility of approaching small organisations and companies local to your home area with a suitably composed covering letter. Using your local media may also be useful as advertising nationally can be expensive for employers. See the Careers Centre's information on [Placements](#) and other experience which has advice on how to go about this activity, and links to many useful vacancy sites.

Large employers will advertise their vacancies directly to students via the Careers Centre - see the [My Jobs Online portal](#).

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Many employers will advertise roles through the relevant professional training body or associations that represent those organisations thus roles in accountancy will often be advertised on the [Institute of Chartered Accountants](#) (ICAEW) website and on the [CIMA](#) website for Management Accountancy.

You'll find the links listed below also helpful to explore opportunities and vacancies:

- [TargetJobs](#) - another comprehensive graduate vacancies website.
- The [Civil Service Recruitment](#) website has several links through to both its graduate fast stream pages and more generalist opportunities. For other public sector jobs see the [National Local Government Development Programme \(NGDP\)](#) and the [NHS Graduates](#) websites.
- [HMRC's](#) recruitment site for Graduates.
- [Jobs.ac.uk](#) - vacancies in Higher Education, teaching and research.
- [efinancialcareers](#) - careers, and vacancies in Banking & Finance.
- [Accountancy Age](#) - a journal with extensive jobs pages.
- [Policy Jobs](#) - site advertising policy opportunities in the UK and Overseas.
- [ICAEW](#) vacancy site.
- [GAAPweb](#) - site for Accountancy vacancies including some trainees.

### Further Reading

- [The Economist](#) - weekly Journal on Economic issues.
- [Bloomberg](#) - up-to-date financial news.
- [The Financial Times](#) - essential reading.
- [Inside Careers](#) - insights, and vacancies in a number of fields of work listed above.
- [Wetfeet](#) - a series giving insights into management and consultancy roles.
- [The Job Crowd](#) - is a graduate job review website which hosts reviews written anonymously by graduate employees.
- [European Policy Centre \(EPC\)](#) - leading think tank concerned with European issues.
- [Center for Economic and Policy Research](#) - leading US Think Tank.
- [Vault](#) - series of guides to commercial sectors, listing major players.

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