

# HISTORY FUTURE CAREERS

## History at Goldsmiths: Some future career paths

Goldsmiths History graduates go into a very wide range of careers. Employers highly respect the knowledge, approaches and skills that form part of a history degree, making history an especially flexible degree for future career choices.

## Where do Goldsmiths History graduates work?

Some of the graduate-level careers for Goldsmiths History graduates of 2014 are: <sup>1</sup>

- Business Development Executive
- Training Assistant
- Brand Data Manager
- English Teacher
- Recruitment Consultant
- Production Co-ordinator
- Tracking Administrator
- Project Assistant
- Policy Intern

## Employers include: <sup>1</sup>

- Newton Farm Nursery, Infant and Junior School
- The Brixton Advice Centre
- Progressio (international development charity)
- Blackstock (PR agency)
- Civitas Schools

- Entertainment Marketing Group
- Random Entertainment
- Reeson Education

## Further study

A significant number of Goldsmiths History graduates (23.6% in 2014) go into further study after their undergraduate degrees. Some examples are: <sup>1</sup>

- Masters degree, eg MA Intelligence and International Security, MSc Philosophy and Public Policy
- PGCE (teaching)
- GDL (Graduate Diploma in Law)
- TEFL (Teaching English as a Foreign Language)
- Research degree, eg MPhil Gender Studies

<sup>1</sup>Source: *Destinations of Leavers from Higher Education*  
This data is collected six months after graduation and shows where graduates start their careers.

## What skills will I gain?

Studying History and combined subjects at Goldsmiths will help you develop a number of skills highly sought by graduate employers:

- analytical skills
- the ability and confidence to think critically and independently
- experience in research and gathering insights from a range of subjects
- the ability to express ideas clearly, both in writing and speech

## What kinds of graduate employers might be interested in me?

As you can see, Goldsmiths history graduates develop a variety of skills that can be applied to a wide number of different employment sectors. History provides a good foundation for a number of careers, notably in teaching, law, the cultural and heritage sectors and media. Equally, history graduates are well equipped for business, politics, journalism and social research.

### *Central and local government*

The Civil Service Fast-Stream fast tracks graduates into policy roles. [civilservice.gov.uk/jobs/faststream](http://civilservice.gov.uk/jobs/faststream)  
If you fancy local government there is a Development Programme (NGDP). [ngdp.org.uk](http://ngdp.org.uk)

You can also look on the official local government jobs website. [lgjobs.com](http://lgjobs.com)

Lewisham Council, local to Goldsmiths, is always interested in our graduates. [lewisham.gov.uk](http://lewisham.gov.uk)

### *Cultural sector*

Your history degree puts you in a strong position for roles in the cultural sector such as curator, conservator, archivist, gallery assistant. You would need to take further qualifications to enter some of these roles.

### *Education*

This includes teaching positions in primary and secondary schools, for which you will need a postgraduate qualification; or you may be interested in the Higher Education sector for which you would normally need a PhD.

### *Information management*

These roles include academic and community librarian; information officer in commercial organisations, law firms, and the not-for-profit sector; information provider in political parties or the NHS.

### *Social research organisations and think tanks*

The biggest employer is the Government Social Research Service (GSR) where you could be working on anything from community cohesion to gender equality. There are other organisations in this field of work ranging from university-based research institutes to think tanks and consultancies. [civilservice.gov.uk/networks/gsr](http://civilservice.gov.uk/networks/gsr)

## Where can I find further information?

On the Prospects website, the 'What can I do with my degree?' section is a useful starting point. Here you can access detailed information about careers relating to history.

[prospects.ac.uk/options\\_with\\_your\\_subject.htm](http://prospects.ac.uk/options_with_your_subject.htm)

### *Research organisations*

Institute of Historical Research - [history.ac.uk](http://history.ac.uk)

Royal Historical Society - [royalhistoricalsociety.org](http://royalhistoricalsociety.org)

Social Research Association - [the-sra.org.uk](http://the-sra.org.uk)

Ipsos MORI Social Research - [ipsos-mori.com/researchspecialisms/socialresearch](http://ipsos-mori.com/researchspecialisms/socialresearch)

Social Issues Research Centre - [sirc.org](http://sirc.org)

### *Think Tanks*

Centre for Economic Policy Research - [cepr.org](http://cepr.org)

Demos - [demos.co.uk](http://demos.co.uk)

Fabian Society - [fabians.org.uk](http://fabians.org.uk)

Chatham House (The Royal Institute of International Affairs) - [chathamhouse.org](http://chathamhouse.org)

### *Culture/heritage*

Arts Jobs (Arts Council England) - [artsjobs.org.uk](http://artsjobs.org.uk)

Arts Culture Media Jobs - [artsculturemediajobs.com](http://artsculturemediajobs.com)

MuseumJobs.com - [museumjobs.com/uk](http://museumjobs.com/uk)

Association of Art Historians - [aah.org.uk](http://aah.org.uk)

Association for Heritage Interpretation - [ahi.org.uk](http://ahi.org.uk)

### *Information Management*

LISJOBNET.com (graduate training for librarians and information professionals) -

[lisjobnet.com/graduate-training](http://lisjobnet.com/graduate-training)

The British Library - [bl.uk](http://bl.uk)

The National Archives - [nationalarchives.gov.uk](http://nationalarchives.gov.uk)

### *Teaching*

Get Into Teaching (Department of Education) -

[education.gov.uk/get-into-teaching](http://education.gov.uk/get-into-teaching)

Teach First - [teachfirst.org.uk](http://teachfirst.org.uk)

UCAS Teacher Training - [ucas.com/ucas/teacher-training](http://ucas.com/ucas/teacher-training)

## Goldsmiths Careers Service

The Careers Service has a full programme of events - you can find out more at [www.gold.ac.uk/careers](http://www.gold.ac.uk/careers)  
From the moment you arrive at Goldsmiths you can use us to help you plan your future - pop in and book an appointment with a careers consultant.

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