

PSYCHOLOGY FUTURE CAREERS

Psychology at Goldsmiths: Some future career paths

Studying Psychology at Goldsmiths could be the starting point for a career as a chartered psychologist, or you may decide to go into a related field that draws on your particular interests and the skills and knowledge you have developed during your degree.

What do Goldsmiths Psychology graduates do?

The majority of Psychology graduates of 2013-14 (70.9%) were in some form of work six months after graduating. A significant proportion (25.6%) were in further study or combining work and study. ¹

A number of Psychology graduates each year take on roles in education and health in order to build up the experience needed to enter doctorate programmes in clinical and educational psychology.

Below are some of the graduate-level careers that Goldsmiths Psychology graduates of 2012-13 went into: ¹

- Behavioural Mental Health Support Worker
- Marketing Manager
- Brain Injury Recovery Worker
- Mental Health Mentor
- Planning Assistant
- Community Interpreter
- Personal Support Assistant
- Tutor (Science, English and Maths)
- Family Support Worker
- Project Leader
- Community Recovery Support Worker

- Self-Employed Higher Education Support Officer
- Human Resources (HR) Assistant
- Exit Interview Co-ordinator

Employers include: ¹

- Which?
- LOC (Leaders in Oncology Care)
- Sanctuary Supported Living
- London Borough of Lewisham
- Sweet Tree Home Care Services
- MR K Tuition Centre
- Royal National Institute of Blind People
- Royal Southampton NHS Foundation Trust
- Flybe
- West Silvertown Village Community Foundation
- Depaul UK (charity)
- Unicorns in Tech (tech community)
- Look Ahead Care and Support
- Wowcher

Courses of further study include: ¹

- **MSc:** Clinical Mental Health Sciences; Clinical Aspects of Psychology; Child and Adolescent Mental Health; Forensic Mental Health
- **MA:** Primate Behaviour
- **MRes:** Research Methods in Psychology
- **PGCE** Primary Teaching

¹ 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?

Psychology is an excellent degree for gaining a range of skills that you can use in the workplace, from working on projects, gathering and analysing data to writing

reports and developing qualitative and quantitative research skills. Some of the transferable skills that are commonly associated with psychology include:

- critical thinking
- oral and written communication
- analytical skills
- reflection
- self motivation
- planning and organising

“Goldsmiths has supported me through every step of my degree in every way possible and the progress I’ve made over the last three years is unbelievable. I’ve seen my grades improve year on year and now I’m ready to head into the world of work.

The course means that no matter what you want to do with your degree you’ll be able to do it; it helps you to become a well-rounded individual. I’m already employed full-time by the NHS as a support worker in an in-patient child and adolescent mental health unit, which just goes to show that you’re very employable when you leave Goldsmiths! I’m also hoping to go on to do a doctorate in clinical psychology some time in the near future.”

Lucy, BSc Psychology, graduated 2013

What kinds of graduate employers might be interested in me?

You will find in the first section below professional chartered psychologist roles. Most of these will involve psychological assessment and working with individuals or groups to deliver psychological support or development.

Clinical psychologists help people suffering from mental health conditions or addictions.

Educational psychologists work with young people who are having problems in an educational setting.

Forensic psychologists usually work in prisons with offenders.

Occupational psychologists work with organisations to improve employee performance.

There are other chartered psychology roles. For more information visit the British Psychological Society at www.bps.org.uk/careers-in-psychology

Related jobs

Advertising and marketing

An understanding of human behaviour is fundamental

in these job sectors. Psychologists might work in research or roles such as an account planner.

Counselling and advice work

Many of our Psychology students want to help people. One way might be through counselling and advice work. You could consider roles in career guidance or social work.

Human resources

If you are interested in occupational psychology then a career in human resources might be for you. This job can involve recruitment, psychometric assessment and staff development all of which will use your skills as a psychologist.

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 psychology:

www.prospects.ac.uk/options_with_your_subject.htm

This guide has an excellent overview of psychology-related careers: www.heacademy.ac.uk/assets/documents/subjects/psychology/Employability_Guide.pdf

The British Psychological Society has an excellent careers section: www.bps.org.uk

You can find information on careers in advertising and marketing at: www.creativeskillset.org/advertising/careers

Careers Support

The **Psychology Department** runs a programme of annual talks from psychologists working in a number of different fields. You will also take a careers module in the first year.

Goldsmiths Careers Service

The Careers Service has a full programme of events - you can find out more at 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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