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Department
Of
Geography.

Employability.



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I work for a consultancy firm using data analytics to create investment plans for global utility companies, mainly within the water and energy sector. The company mainly hires mathematicians, so my geography degree brought fresh insight into how data is used within the real world. The job enables me to further develop skills that I gained from my degree such as GIS and statistics - don't expect the learning to stop once you've graduated!”

*Dan Homer,
BA Geography*

Employability.

Both Geography and Environmental Science graduates are highly employable and our students have progressed into a wide range of careers after studying with us. These have been in the public and private sector and include Flood and Coastal Risk Management Officer, Graduate Transport Planner, Risk Consultant, Advertising Executive, Geography Teacher and Environmental Modeller.

We work closely with the University Careers Service to support and encourage our students to develop their skills through our own support programmes and through opportunities that are available across the University. This ensures that our students graduate with unique experiences and ready for the real world of work.

Professor John Flint, Head of Department

What support is available in the department?

The Department of Geography offers bespoke employability support for our students. We work closely with our graduates, so that current students can meet and learn from them through networking events and careers talks.

Our links with employers are also strong and enhance our curriculum. We maintain positive relationships with our network of employers and industry professionals in the private, public and voluntary sectors. Our employer contacts visit the Department to deliver skills sessions for our students and a large proportion of our students go on to complete placements or projects with these employers.

A large number of our students have been involved in our student run social enterprise, SIDshare, which is part of the Global Learning Opportunities in the Social Sciences scheme at the University.

Previous graduates from the Department contribute to our departmental advisory panel and student activities such as alumni speed networking and the University's e-mentoring scheme. Our students therefore benefit from the input and advice of professionals who have studied Geography and Environmental Science, and from the industry connections that they bring.

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Studying Environmental Science gave me a great base on which to begin my career. One of the biggest things I gained from the course was the confidence and conviction to pursue the area of environmental protection because learning about the impact humans have on the environment, coupled with the knowledge that we can do something to protect and enhance it, is inspiring as well as humbling.”

*Josh Tinsley
BSc Environmental Science*



Careers Service.

The University's Careers Service works closely with the Department of Geography to organise opportunities for students to meet employers, and gain work experience placements and graduate jobs. Careers advisers meet with students to support them in developing their skills and make choices from the wide range of opportunities open to them. You can find out more about our support on our website: sheffield.ac.uk/careers

Students can undertake a range of placements

and access dedicated support from our placements team. Opportunities range from summer and year-long placements, through to part-time placements whilst you study. You can explore your options here: sheffield.ac.uk/placements/students

You can also explore the career options for students in Geography and see graduate vacancies on our dedicated Careers Service page: sheffield.ac.uk/careers/geo

Opportunities for our students.

The Department of Geography is part of the Faculty of Social Sciences at the University of Sheffield. **Global Learning Opportunities in the Social Sciences** (GLOSS) aims to provide students with unique opportunities to understand their courses in an international context, actively engage with international policy makers, stakeholders and partners, and be involved in international research.

GLOSS also allows students to develop their skills which will enhance their employment prospects. GLOSS offers three distinct schemes to students: the Global Leadership Initiative, the Research Associate Scheme and SIDshare.

You can find out more at: sheffield.ac.uk/gloss

Sheffield Undergraduate Research Experience (SURE) offers undergraduate students in their penultimate year of study the chance to be directly involved in research activity at the University of Sheffield, working in partnership with an academic staff member on a dedicated 'real life' research project during the summer vacation.

The scheme allows students to gain practical research experience and to develop transferable skills that will benefit them in their studies and their future careers.

Find out more about SURE at: sheffield.ac.uk/sure/301

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