

# Other careers

Beyond the industry sectors listed on the previous pages, there are many more opportunities – some of them are quite niche, and some are in rapidly expanding fields at the edge of current knowledge.

**D**o not feel restricted by the range of graduate jobs that normally get promoted, and think creatively about what would best suit you. Jobs exist now that were not around a decade ago; from YouTube content creator to drone operator. Sometimes it can feel as though everyone at Oxford ends up working in 'the City' but graduates go into a whole range of job sectors such as acting; emergency services; religion (particularly from Oxford's Permanent Private Halls); fine art conservation; managing clubs and music venues; executive search; libraries; translation; and many more.

## Other options

If you are aiming for a route less travelled you may need to think more widely and be more creative in how you source information, find contacts, and build and develop your network. If you are interested in a career that does not get much exposure around Oxford, the Careers Service is very happy to help: careers advisers will be happy to work with you on a one-to-one basis to provide support and ideas to help you move forwards.

Even within the core sectors covered on previous pages there are unusual individual roles. For example, if you are passionately interested in the world of online gaming but do not fancy a technical or coding type role, leading UK companies also employ historical researchers, writers and storytellers, artists, technical support for live motion capture, as well as the full range of business managers such as sales and marketing, HR and finance functions.



## Finding out more

- There are a number of strategies you can follow to find out more about any role or industry. In some ways, the more niche your specific interests are the more focused you can be. If you can find a good starting point – especially a supportive contact or mentor – they might help you to make a lot of progress quickly; for example, by helping you to identify and contact leaders in your chosen field.
- There are some 400 different job profiles covered by [www.prospects.ac.uk](http://www.prospects.ac.uk) for roles as diverse as glass blower/designer, toxicologist, youth worker, patent attorney, hydrologist, animator and company secretary. Each profile offers links to professional bodies, sources for vacancies and suggested courses, and professional development.
- Identify the professional body or society for your field of interest.
  - Their website is likely to include masses of useful information, including industry news, company and event listings, and job vacancies.



- Professional bodies frequently also publish an industry magazine (often with vacancies), and run industry or sector awards which you can use to find leading practitioners.
- Examine vacancies to understand the common requirements such as key skills, qualifications and experience sought, as well as industry norms and terms (jargon).
- Find websites for your niche, for example, working for an MP: [www.w4mp.org](http://www.w4mp.org); Space Internships Network (SpIN) via the Catapult Programme: [www.catapult.org.uk](http://www.catapult.org.uk).
- Use social networks to the full – follow bloggers and experts on X and ask to join specialist groups on Facebook and LinkedIn to see who is part of the conversation and who the opinion leaders are.
- Make yourself visible online: start your own blog or website; showcase your portfolio; make sure your LinkedIn page reflects your goals and relevant experience; comment in discussions, ask for advice and make contacts.
- Specialist recruitment agencies can be another route to finding out information about particular sectors and sourcing vacancies.

### Next steps

[www.careers.ox.ac.uk/other-sectors](http://www.careers.ox.ac.uk/other-sectors)

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