



Career Opportunities with a Degree in History

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Choosing a career involves more than just finding out what is open to you. Knowledge about yourself is vital to the process of making a career choice. It is useful to start by examining your strengths, weaknesses, interests, abilities and skills in order to relate career options to you. The Careers Service has resources to help students in their self-assessment and career planning, including psychometric tests and paper and online resources on www.spd.dcu.ie/careers

Your skills and qualities in the employment market

The main vocational value of studying for a degree in History is that it provides good training in gathering, sifting, critically analysing and ordering information and ideas. History students learn to present an argument in a structured, coherent, clear and persuasive manner, in both written and oral format. Historians learn to use a variety of research tools and sources, have self-direction, independence of mind and initiative.

Possible Career options

Archivist	Keeper National Library/other libraries	Museum Curator
Heritage Education Officer	Museum Education Officer	Academic
Journalist	Tour Guide	Writer
Diplomat	Teacher	Researcher

Many of the positions listed above would require additional qualifications, the list can be extended to include the legal profession, business and the civil service, amongst others. Specific career information is available on <http://www.careerdirections.ie/>

Sample Job Advertisements

Below are some jobs advertised recently that may suit History graduates/students (note, these jobs are not currently available and are shown for illustration purposes only).

Assistant Heritage Project Co-ordinator, National Print Museum. Required to tutor adults in history, heritage, tourism, tour guiding, local history and research. Degree in related field necessary. Ref. CMO306

Heritage Officer, Cork CC. Candidates should have: a relevant third-level degree in archaeology/ planning/ architecture and 3 years experience in a high level heritage field, have good organisational, management and communication skills. Ref. CCC:localgovernment jobs.ie 08

Guide/Information Officer, OPW. Are you a good communicator, proud of your heritage, interested in presented the history of heritage sites? Ref. CM1106

Project Assistant, British Museum. Exceptional communicator, organised, adaptable team player, ability to meet strict deadlines, degree in classics/history/archaeology, ideally some experience translating Italian/German/Greek, good writing, proofing, editing skills. Ref. Jobs.ac.uk0107

Further Study opportunities

Ireland

MA Library & Informations Studies
UCD

MA Archival Studies UCD

MA Archival Studies NUIM

MA Cultural Heritage and Museum
Studies UU

MA Landscape, Heritage and
Environment, Queens.

MA Management Arts & Heritage
WIT.

UK

MA Curating Goldsmith College
London

MA Arts and Heritage management
London Metropolitan

MA Museums & Galleries in
Education, Inst.of Ed.U.London

MA Museum and Gallery Studies
Newcastle U.

Useful website

Ireland

www.heritage.ie

www.museum.ie

www.irishmuseums.org

www.nationalarchives.ie/

www.dublindiocese.ie

www.dublincity.ie

Europe

www.academicjobseu.com

www.heca/heacademy.ac.uk/docs/useofhistory.pdf

www.genuki.org.uk/Societies

Worldwide

www.thewha.org (world history
association)

www.museumstuff.com

www.worldhistorycenter.org

www.historians.org.au/career.html

www.historians.org/pubs/careers/index.htm

Postgrad. Courses SPD History graduates 1996-2007

Below is a list of postgraduate courses
taken by previous SPD history
graduates.

Courses	Number
PGDE Sec. Irl	80
PGCE Sec.UK	3
PGDE Prim. Irl	27
PGCE Prim UK	63
MA History	32
MA H.Dev	3
MA English	4
Marketing/PR	2
MA/Dip. Bus.Studies	11
Grad.Dip.Psych	3
M.Ed	1
PGDE Adult ED	3
MA/Grad.Dip. Sociology	1
MA Globalisation	2
MA Journalism/Media	6
M A Sustainable Development	1
MA Library Studies	2
M.Phil Ecumenics/Re/Studies	6
MA Peace Studies	1
MA Arts Admin/ Tourism	5
MA Development	1
Grad.Dip. IT	5
Grad.Dip. Archival Studies	1
MA/Dip.other	8

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