

How to...get started with your career research

Career planning can help you maximise your chances of securing one of the many opportunities out there. For more information on getting started see www.prospects.ac.uk/starting_out.htm

Consider your options

Think about what might be important to you in a career. What are your main work/life priorities? Who do you want to be working with? What sort of environment do you see yourself in?

- www.prospects.ac.uk/links/pplanner - asks you questions about what you want from a job and generates job ideas.
- www.prospects.ac.uk/links/Options - discover how best to use your degree and find out the types of career paths people studying for your degree often follow.
- www.prospects.ac.uk/links/personalitytests - studies have shown that it is important to consider your personality when thinking about job choice.

Identify your skills

- Read our handout 'How to assess and sell your skills' at www.mmu.ac.uk/careers/guides
- www.mmu.ac.uk/careers/students-and-graduates/psychometric-testing.php - a chance to try out verbal, numerical and personality tests
- www.windmillsonline.co.uk/interactive - useful self assessment tool.

Find information on specific jobs and sectors

- www.prospects.ac.uk/links/Occupations - explore types of jobs. This occupational database gives in-depth job profiles of different graduate roles. You can find out about what the job involves, how much you might earn,

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entry and training requirements, who might employ you and where to find vacancies, along with links to other websites and publications to further your research. Look at the personal qualities listed for each role – do they reflect yours?

- <https://nextstep.direct.gov.uk> click on *Planning your Career* then *Job Profiles*. This is a very useful database of 750 job profiles which also encompasses non-graduate careers. You can also use this site to search for local courses.
- Prospects 'Industry Insights' provides essential information on working in a wide range of sectors, go to www.prospects.ac.uk/links/industries
- Increase your commercial awareness. Read background sector reports about different career areas www.prospects.ac.uk/links/sectorbs

Further help

- Visit our website to find out how we can help you www.tiny.cc/mmustu
- Take a look at our handouts for help with everything from perfecting your CV to where to look for jobs: www.mmu.ac.uk/careers/guides
- Look at the opportunities on our online jobs site:
www.mmu.ac.uk/careers/coves
- Come to a Careers workshop and get the best tips from MMU's own Careers & Employability Advisers: www.mmu.ac.uk/careers/events

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