



CAREERS IN **PSYCHOLOGY**

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A degree in Psychology will give you an opportunity to; strengthen your research skills, give you an opportunity to formulate your own opinions and views, enquire into, analyse and compare existing theories to ideas of your own and develop a deeper understanding of how the world and the people in it work. These are invaluable skills within the work place. This is why psychology may be the first step you take to becoming a psychologist, however it lends itself seamlessly to a variety of sectors such as media, health, education and business.

WHERE TO FIND ADVERTS FOR PSYCHOLOGY JOBS

- There are numerous websites that help people find jobs. For Psychology specific jobs you may like to try e.g. www.psychapp.co.uk
- Scientific journals e.g. Psychology Review
- Large employers of Psychologists e.g. the National Health Service, local councils, multinational organisations

PSYCHOLOGY DEGREES

Subjects to study at A Level:

Essential A Levels (or equivalent): A few courses ask for one or more from Biology, Chemistry, Maths or Physics.

Useful A Levels (or equivalent):

Biology, Maths, Psychology and Sociology

Wider reading:

Cambridge University recommends the following to help learn how to critically apply contemporary issues to content learnt:

Broadsheet newspapers: The Guardian, The Times, Independent, Daily Telegraph

BBC News online: www.bbc.co.uk

Al Jazeera English: www.aljazeera.com

The Economist: www.economist.com

CNN online: <http://edition.cnn.com>

The New Statesman Magazine: www.newstatesman.com

Useful websites:

- www.ucas.com (UCAS)
- www.unifrog.org (Unifrog)
- <http://university.which.co.uk> (Which? University)

- www.bps.org.uk/careers (British Psychological Society)

Over 112 UK universities offer Psychology. The top 10 UK Universities for Psychology according to the Complete University Guide are:

1. Cambridge
2. Oxford
3. Bath
4. Glasgow
5. University College London
6. St Andrews
7. Durham
8. Birmingham
9. Bristol
10. Edinburgh

(check UCAS website for entry requirements for these universities: www.ucas.com)

GRADUATE PROSPECTS

The average salary for a Psychologist will vary substantially based on the area you decide to specialise in. The current average salary for a Clinical Psychologist is £38 221, Human Resources (HR) Manager is £33,841 and a Youth Worker is £20,135.

Internships and Work Experience:

Gumtree recently completed a poll of employers with the results showing that work experience makes you 95% more employable. The good news carries on, two thirds of employers think candidates with work experience were more knowledgeable, 44% think they are more confident and 40% say they are more committed.

Useful websites for Psychology related work placements and internships:

1. BPS resources: <http://careers.bps.org.uk/>
2. BPS Careers Portal: www.bps.org.uk/careers-in-psychology
3. BPS Homepage: <http://www.bps.org.uk/>
4. BPS Shop: <http://shop.bps.org.uk/>
5. PsychSource: <http://psychsource.bps.org.uk/view/index.html>
6. The Psychologist: <https://thepsychologist.bps.org.uk/>
7. Prospects: www.prospects.ac.uk/work_experience.htm

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