

Careers in Geography

At Open Days, we are often asked ‘what kind of job will I get with a Geography degree?’ The good news is that a Geography degree opens up a wide range of careers, depending on your interests and skills. Geographers have one of the highest rates of graduate employment: employers recognise that a Geography graduate has a wide range of skills and knowledge that make you ready for work in the twenty-first century. As the Royal Geographical Society says, “there is no such thing as a geography job; rather there are multiple jobs that geographers do”.

Interested in Teaching Geography?

Many Geography students are interested in teaching Geography. If you are, the Teaching Council sets the requirements in Ireland for what a Geography teacher must have studied. The current requirements are available [here](#).

In the UK, the Geographical Association has a very helpful website on becoming a Geography teacher: click [here](#) to access their resources.

What else can I do with a Geography degree?

A Geography degree prepares you for much more than teaching, and geographers work in all kinds of unexpected roles and places. Here are some resources to help you understand the importance and relevance of a Geography degree.

- The Royal Geographical Society has an excellent range of resources to show you what geographers do. You can explore their website [here](#).
- The American Association of Geographers has a comprehensive website that shows how different aspects of Geography prepare you for different careers, and that lists the diverse range of jobs Geographers do. Their website is [here](#).
- Organisations offering career advice, such as [Prospects](#) and [Careers Portal](#), provide useful overviews of the value of a Geography degree.
- See what Maynooth Geography graduates are doing on the Maynooth University Alumni page: click [here](#) to search for Geography.

Looking for more advice?

If you would like to discuss careers options, you can contact [Careers Connect | Maynooth University](#), or talk to your lecturers.

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