

Graduate Outcomes 2020/21

Full-time UK domiciled first degree graduates - 15 months after Bath

The University of Bath has an excellent record of graduate employment, featuring in the top ten for graduate prospects in three major national league tables*. Across all subjects, 92% of Bath 2020/21 graduates who are employed in the UK are in high skilled employment, compared to 74% nationally#. Hundreds of employers of all sizes and from all industries each year advertise vacancies, deliver presentations or network with our students; we are in the top 15 universities targeted by employers†.

The information shown here is from the Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA) Graduate Outcomes survey for 2020/21 leavers. It is the biggest UK annual social survey and captures the perspectives and current status of recent graduates, 15 months after leaving university.

Studies within International Development with Economics covers a broad set of skills and an understanding of economic principles and development economics within the context of global and local challenges. Graduates from these courses develop many skills that make them attractive to prospective employers, including analytical and critical thinking, and team working skills, as well as specialist skills such as qualitative and quantitative research skills, an ability to evaluate data and develop arguments for different audiences. They often hold diverse roles in many different sectors such as local and national government, finance, technology, and in business.

Courses included:

- International Development with Economics BSc

Response rate	
Total in 2020/21 cohort	40 [§]
% response rate	74%

[§]Number rounded to the nearest multiple of five

Graduate outcomes by activity

Activity summary	
Employment	71%
Voluntary/unpaid work	4%
Employment and further study	11%
Further study	7%
Other: travel, caring, retired	-
Unemployed [§]	7%
Total	100%

Note: Percentages may not total 100% due to rounding. Activity defined using HESA XACTIVITY: takes account of all activities and most important activity.

[§]Unemployed includes those due to start work or study.

*6th in the Times and The Sunday Times Good University Guide 2024, 4th in the Complete University Guide 2024, and 4th in the Guardian University Guide 2024

#Compared with [all Universities UK members](#).

†The Graduate Market in 2024, High Fliers Research.

Industries and employers

International Development career pathways are hugely versatile. Graduates enter a wide variety of sectors and industries such as local and national government, financial services, technology, consulting and not for profit sectors.

The skills International Development graduates develop include analytical thinking, research skills, teamwork and time management skills which can be used in both the public, private and third sectors.

The most frequent of the industry categories are:

- Professional, scientific and technical activities
- Information and communication
- Education
- Financial and insurance activities

Examples of employers for the 2020/21 cohort:

- Bank of England
- Deloitte
- KPMG
- NHS Leadership Academy
- The Social Mobility Foundation

Occupations and job titles

International Development graduates progress into a variety of different jobs such as civil servants, management and business consultants, finance analysts, marketing and public relations executives, HR and recruitment officers and research roles.

International Development graduates often work in roles in both private and public sectors that uses their ability to explore and analyse the challenges we face as a society on a local, national, and international level. Strong critical thinking and communication skills allow graduates to align with roles in policy, finance, consulting, and research.

The vast majority of our UK employed International Development graduates are in high skilled employment. High skilled employment includes these three categories:

- Managers, directors and senior officials
- Professional occupations
- Associate professional and technical occupations

Examples of job titles for the 2020/21 cohort:

- Graduate Management Consultant
- Development Officer
- Events Coordinator
- Programme Coordinator
- Senior Case Worker

More information

Find out what Bath graduates from other courses do: go.bath.ac.uk/graduate-outcomes.

More information is available about how Careers supports current and prospective students, as well as graduates from Bath: bath.ac.uk/careers.