



# Careers in politics

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## Pathways within politics

- Local government
- Civil Service
- Think tanks
- NGOs and charities
- Working for a MP
- Research & policy - within all sectors
- Advocacy & lobbying
- Business, finance, public affairs, risk, consultancy +++++



# Job roles in politics

## Typical career pathways

- Civil Service Fast Streamer
- Social Researcher
- Policy Officer
- Political Risk Analyst
- Politician's assistant
- Local Government Officer
- Diplomatic Service Officer
- Public Affairs Consultant
- Journalist [and more](#)

## What do Bath grads do?

- Accountant
- Advocacy and Government Relations Officer (charity)
- Civil Service job roles
- Business Development Exec
- Finance/Investment Analyst
- HR Officer
- Management Consultant
- Parliamentary Assistant
- Policy Adviser
- Police Officer and [many more](#)



## Graduate programmes

- Civil Service Fast Stream (and other schemes)
- NGDP - local government scheme
- NHS Management Scheme - health policy
- Unlocked - Prison Officer
- Wellcome Trust (health charity)
- More in our helpsheets... [Careers in Politics](#) and [Careers in Social Policy](#)





## Top Tips

- As a Politics graduate you can work in many different roles, therefore it is vital that you research your career options and understand what you value in a job.
- There are **graduate roles** in **Civil Service**, Fast Stream is not the only way in.
- **Network**, talk to people in roles you are interested in as there are many different job roles in both private/public sector.
- Advertised jobs are sometimes hard to find so research employers and **approach them directly**.
- **Follow small to medium organisations online** to gain awareness and access to job opportunities.
- To get **policy and research roles in think tanks**, you generally need a Master's degree.
- **Tailor ALL your applications** to the role. It is a very competitive field and organisations need people with skills that match their competencies.



## Careers in politics helpsheet

Additional resources  
on [think - tanks](#) and  
several [blogs on Civil  
Service](#)

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## Including working in Westminster & Europe

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### Introduction

This information sheet is aimed at students within PoLIS but it may also be of interest to students from other subject areas who are interested in this area. A relevant degree is not always a pre-requisite for the areas of work covered by this helpsheet. The Careers Service has produced this because you could get the impression that we are only concerned with business careers and graduate schemes. Some areas of work do not have big budgets to promote themselves so you'll need to work a little harder to seek out information and opportunities. The Careers Service can support you if you are interested in these areas.

If you are studying Politics then you need not be constrained by the jobs listed in this helpsheet. Many graduate employers in a broad range of businesses and organisations do not specify

Please note, at the time of writing it is not clear how Brexit may impact on recruitment, particularly in European institutions.

### General careers resources

Use our [online catalogue of resources to research](#) any potential career in detail. Search with keywords or refine with topics such as *Occupation Research*.

**Occupational profiles** are core reading, outlining key activities, advice on getting in and case studies. Prospects have a wide range of profiles. You can view them all in the [job profiles](#) section.

Some profiles of interest include:

- [Civil Service Administrator](#)
- [Civil Service Fast Streamer](#)
- [Diplomatic Service Officer](#)





## Questions

- Email us on [careers@bath.ac.uk](mailto:careers@bath.ac.uk)
- Make sure to register on [MyFuture](#)
- Looking for general careers information for final year/postgraduate students? [Check out this video!](#)

