

## 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 Accounting and Finance covers a broad-based training in core management areas which open career opportunities in accounting, finance, and other sectors. Graduates from these courses develop many skills that make them attractive to prospective employers, including teamwork, analytical and problem-solving skills, as well as knowledge of economics, mathematics and statistics, law, and specialist areas within accounting and finance. They often hold diverse roles in many different national and multi-national companies.

### Courses included:

- Accounting and Finance BSc

| Response rate           |                 |
|-------------------------|-----------------|
| Total in 2020/21 cohort | 60 <sup>§</sup> |
| <b>% response rate</b>  | <b>63%</b>      |

<sup>§</sup>Number rounded to the nearest multiple of five

### Graduate outcomes by activity

| Activity summary               |             |
|--------------------------------|-------------|
| Employment                     | 65%         |
| Voluntary/unpaid work          | -           |
| Employment and further study   | 19%         |
| Further study                  | 8%          |
| Other: travel, caring, retired | 3%          |
| Unemployed <sup>§</sup>        | 5%          |
| <b>Total</b>                   | <b>100%</b> |

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

<sup>§</sup>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

Accounting and Finance career pathways are versatile. Graduates enter many different sectors and industries within business and finance, especially large multinational professional services firms, accountancy firms, investment banking, asset management firms, strategy, finance and tax consultancies, and other commercial companies within accounting and finance. Some graduates also enter the non-profit sector.

Many Accounting and Finance graduates develop skills which will enable them to go into jobs that require further professional accountancy qualifications, and have excellent analytical, numerical and problem-solving skills.

The most frequent of the industry categories are:

- Professional, scientific and technical activities
- Financial and insurance activities

Examples of employers for the 2020/21 cohort:

- Barclays
- EY
- IBM
- KPMG
- Mercer
- Vattenfall

## Occupations and job titles

Finance and Accounting graduates progress in various jobs within finance and accounting such as trainee, assistant, associate and analyst roles within accountancy, audit, wealth management, assurance, tax, investment banking and general finance.

Graduates also progress into other jobs such as consultant, procurement and supply chain roles, roles within business operations, and technology.

The vast majority of our UK employed Accounting and Finance 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:

- Accountant
- Analyst
- Assistant Costs Manager
- International Trainee - Business Operations and Performance
- Investment Analyst
- Strategy Consultant
- Tax Associate

## More information

Find out what Bath graduates from other courses do: [go.bath.ac.uk/graduate-outcomes](https://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](https://bath.ac.uk/careers).