



Graduate Outcomes 2018/19

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

The University of Bath has an excellent record of graduate employment, and often features near the top in league tables. Across all subjects, 89% of Bath 2018/19 graduates who are employed in the UK are in high skilled employment, compared to 72% 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 2018/19. It is the biggest UK annual social survey and captures the perspectives and current status of recent graduates, 15 months after leaving university.

A physics degree is a passport into a broad range of science, engineering, and technology careers. You will graduate with excellent problem-solving skills and the ability to think logically and critically about complex situations. Add to this; you will learn to work independently to tight deadlines and will develop skills to communicate complex scientific information. As a physics graduate you can enter a wide variety of fields, including becoming a professional scientist in industry, government or academia, and your broad training means you can cross over into business and technological disciplines.

Courses included:

- Mathematics and Physics BSc/MSci
- Physics BSc/MPhys
- Physics with Astrophysics BSc

Response rate	
Total in 2018/19 cohort	130 [#]
% response rate	75%

[#]Number rounded to the nearest multiple of five

Graduate outcomes by activity

Activity summary	
Employment	61%
Voluntary / unpaid work	1%
Employment & further study	12%
Further study	14%
Other: travel, caring, retired	3%
Unemployed ^{\$}	8%
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

Industries and employers

Physics offers the flexibility to take your career in many different directions. You are not limited to roles within science, technology, and engineering. In the UK, 70% of graduate vacancies do not ask for a specific degree; therefore, as a physicist, you will also find opportunities in fields unrelated to your degree, such as finance, business, consulting, and health.

The most frequent of the industry categories are:

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

Examples of employers for the 2018/19 cohort:

- Carbon Trust
- Dyson
- Kubrick Group
- NHS

Occupations and job titles

A physics degree opens doors to some of the most exciting and cutting-edge jobs. The fourth industrial revolution and advances in technology have resulted in exciting careers for physicists ranging from working in health care to tackling climate change, gaming to robotics. You will have the scope to pursue a highly specialist career using your degree or if you want to use the wide range of transferable skills to work in a general business role.

The vast majority of our UK employed Physics graduates are in high skilled employment (83%). 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 2018/19 cohort:

- Auditor
- Environmental Analyst
- Data Consultant
- Software Developer
- Science Teacher

Further study

Some physics graduates go on to further study at postgraduate level to enhance their knowledge of a particular area of physics such as astrophysics, quantum physics, nanotechnology, and mathematical physics especially if they wish to pursue a research career in industry or in academia. Whereas some students pursue vocational qualifications such as a PGCE to train as teachers.

Examples of institutions for the 2018/19 cohort:

- University College London
- University of Bath
- University of Oxford
- University of St Andrews

More information

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

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