Working as an Economist
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A degree in Economics can lead to graduates entering a wide range of career areas. Information on typical job options with a degree in Economics, including the skills you have gained from your subject can be found on-line at the Prospects website in the “What can I do with my degree?” section www.prospects.ac.uk/links/EconomDeg

**Getting in**

- Some career areas will require further study and training. The range of qualifications, skills, personal attributes and previous experience will vary depending on the requirements of individual posts.
- A relatively small percentage of graduates will go directly from a first degree into working as an Economist.
- Vacancies may require a relevant postgraduate qualification and for some posts foreign language skills may be helpful.
- Whilst jobs may occur in major centres throughout the UK a higher proportion tend to be in London and the South East region.

Recruiters of Economists may recruit early in the first semester so check out recruitment information including closing dates. Two of the major recruiters of Economists are the Bank of England and the Government Economic Service (GES) which recruits through the Civil Service Analytical Fast Stream http://faststream.civilservice.gov.uk/

**Job profiles and case studies**

These can be useful sources of information often including entry requirements and suggestions for skills development, pre-entry experience and sometimes case studies.

Profile for an Economist at www.prospects.ac.uk/types_of_jobs_management_and_statistics.htm
The Economist profile includes general information on entry requirements, training and career development and details of typical employers.

- Career descriptions for an Economic Development Officer and a Regeneration Officer can be found on the Local Government Talent: Careers website at www.lgjobs.com
- Profiles for an Economic Development Officer and Economist can be found on the National Careers Service website at https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/advice/planning/jobfamily/Pages/managementandplanning.aspx
- Economist on the TARGETjobs website at http://targetjobs.co.uk/careers-advice/a-to-z-of-careers/economist

Qualifications and training

- There are a number of UK University programmes including Masters and PhDs on offer related to the sector. For more information: www.manchester.ac.uk/careers/study/
- For information on post-graduate study opportunities overseas www.prospects.ac.uk/studying_abroad.htm
- National Careers Service at https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/advice/courses/Pages/default.aspx website.
- All eligible undergraduate students at The University of Manchester may be able to study overseas as part of their degree programme and the International Programmes Unit can provide further information www.manchester.ac.uk/undergraduate/courses/studyabroad/
- The University Language Centre offers the opportunity to learn a language through the Language Experience for All Programme (LEAP) www.langcent.manchester.ac.uk.
Experience

Work experience including work shadowing, internships and placements can provide useful insights and relevant experience of the workplace. For example, the largest recruiter of Economists, in the UK, has been the GES which has offered summer vacation and sandwich student placements.

Any job and internship/placement opportunities received by the Careers Service will be available on CareersLink which you can access via www.manchester.ac.uk/careerslink

An interest in economic, political, current affairs and world news can be gained from various forms of media such as the major television and radio networks such as the BBC, the internet including blogs and the press.

Some professional associations/societies (e.g. Royal Economic Society and the Society for Business Economists) have membership categories for students/graduates. Membership may confer the opportunity to attend events, participate in working groups, apply for awards/prizes and access specialist information resources.

Careers Service Events

The Careers Service organises a range of careers events. Representatives from a number of financial and public sector organisations have participated in the past. For further details see CareersLink www.manchester.ac.uk/careerslink
Sources of information

Please note: This is not a fully comprehensive list of information resources and websites

The website links are used to provide further information and are not intended to signify that the University endorses such websites and/or their content.

General

- Careers Group London – Development Economist opportunities
  [www.thecareersgroup.co.uk/](http://www.thecareersgroup.co.uk/)
- Economic Development Directory – Worldwide online
  [www.ecodevdirectory.com](http://www.ecodevdirectory.com)
- Economist Intelligence Unit
  [www.eiu.com](http://www.eiu.com)
- INOMICS – Economists Internet Service
  [www.inomics.com](http://www.inomics.com)
- AEAweb - Resources for Economists on the Internet
  [http://rfe.org](http://rfe.org)
- Studying Economics – advice, help and information for Economics undergraduates
  [http://studyingeconomics.ac.uk](http://studyingeconomics.ac.uk)
- The Economist
- WiWi-online – an online research tool with quick links section including Research Centres, International Organisations and Central Banks
  [www.wiwi-online.co.uk/start.php](http://www.wiwi-online.co.uk/start.php)
- Wsj.com – market data, stocks, commodities and world business news
  [http://uk.wsj.com/home-page](http://uk.wsj.com/home-page)
- Bloomberg – includes financial market, economic and stock news & personal finance advice.
  [www.bloomberg.com/](http://www.bloomberg.com/)

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Trading Economics – useful online economic data source for countries worldwide including stock market information.  
www.tradingeconomics.com/

Professional Bodies/Associations/Societies
- Royal Economic Society  
  www.res.org.uk/view/index.html
- Agricultural Economics Society  
  www.aes.ac.uk
- American Economic Association  
  www.aeaweb.org/
- European Economic Association (EEA)  
  www.eeassoc.org
- International Consulting Economists’ Association  
  www.icea.co.uk
- International Association of Agricultural Economists  
  www.iaae-agecon.org/
- Society of Business Economists  
  www.sbe.co.uk
- Royal Statistical Society  
  www.rss.org.uk/
- International Economic Development Council  
  www.iedconline.org

Think Tanks
- Alphabetical index on international think tanks on worldpress.org  
  www.worldpress.org/library/ngo.cfm
- Policy Library – social, economic and foreign policy resources online.  
  Directory of Think Tanks  
  www.policylibrary.com/
- TTDeurope – Think Tank Directory of key think tanks in the EU  
  www.eu.thinktankdirectory.org/
Research Centres/Institutes/Organisations

- Economics Departments, Institutes & Research Centres in the World (EDIRC)
  http://edirc.repec.org/index.html
- National Institute of Economic & Social Research (NIESR)
  www.niesr.ac.uk/
- WiWi-online – an online research tool with quick links section including Research Centres
  www.wiwi-online.co.uk

Consultancies

- Management Consultancies Association includes a list of member firms
  www.mca.org.uk

This is not a comprehensive list. The ones listed here include more specialist economics/forecasting/development/economic information & research firms.

- AUPEC
  www.aupec.com
- Cambridge Econometrics
  www.cambridgeeconometrics.com/Home.aspx
- Capital Economics
  www.capitaleconomics.com
- Catalyst Health Economics Consultants Ltd
  www.catalyst-health.co.uk
- Consensus Economics
  www.consensuseconomics.com
- Deloitte – Economic Consulting as part of Corporate Finance Specialist Teams
  www.deloitte.com
- DKM Economic Consultants
  www.dkm.ie
- DotEcon Ltd
  www.dotecon.com
- Economic Consulting Associates (ECA)  
  http://eca-uk.com/
- Economic Development Research Group (EDR Group)  
  www.edrgroup.com
- EKOS Consulting & Gen Consulting  
  www.ekosgen.co.uk/
- EMB Consulting  
  www.embconsulting.co.uk
- ERS (Regeneration & Economic Development)  
  www.ers.org.uk
- Europe Economics  
  www.europe-economics.com
- Experian  
  www.experian.co.uk/business-services/marketing-services.html
- Fathom Financial Consulting  
  www.fathom-consulting.com
- Frontier Economics  
  www.frontier-economics.com
- Global Insight  
  www.ihs.com/products/global-insight/
- Hall & Aitken  
  www.hallaitken.co.uk
- Hart Group  
  www.hart-group.com
- HTSPE: Development Consulting Services  
  www.htspe.com
- Jacobs Consultancy  
  www.jacobsconsultancy.com
- Local Futures Group  
  www.localfutures.com
- London Economics  
  www.londecon.co.uk
- Maxwell Stamp PLC  
  www.maxwellstamp.com
- NERA Economic Consulting  
  www.nera.com/index.htm
Office of Health Economics (OHE) Consulting
www.ohe.org/page/index.cfm

Ohal (Econometric Consultancy)
www.ohal-group.com

Oxera
www.oxera.com

Oxford Economics
www.oxfordeconomics.com

PACEC (Public & Corporate Economic Consultants)
www.pacec.co.uk

PricewaterhouseCoopers - Economics Services as part of PwC Advisory
www.pwc.co.uk/economic-services/index.jhtml

RBB Economics
www.rbbecon.com

RPS Group Plc
www.rpsgroup.com/

Reckon LLP (Consultancy with expertise in data analysis, economic regulation and competition law). www.reckon.co.uk/solutions/

Regeneris (Economic & Regeneration Consultants)
www.regeneris.co.uk

Robert Huggins Associates
www.hugginsassociates.com

Shared Intelligence
www.sharedintelligence.net

SustainAbility (Consultancy)
www.sustainability.com/work?path=consultingservices/

SQW LTD (Economic & Social Development)
www.sqw.co.uk

tbr Economics
www.tbr.co.uk

URS Europe
www.ursglobal.com/

Volterra Consulting
www.volterra.co.uk
- WYG International (A leading socio-economic and technical consultancy)
  www.wyg.com
- York Consulting (Specialises in evaluation, economic analysis and social research across the public sector and for private sector clients.)
  www.yorkconsulting.co.uk

Central Government/Public Bodies
- Civil Service
  www.civilservice.gov.uk
- Department for International development (DFID)
  www.dfid.gov.uk
- Government Economic Service (includes information across 30 Government Departments and Agencies)
  www.ges.gov.uk/
- Foreign & Commonwealth Office (FCO) includes information on Diplomatic Service Economist
  www.fco.gov.uk/en/
- HM Treasury
  www.hm-treasury.gov.uk
- Financial Conduct Authority
  www.fca.org.uk/

Devolved/Local Government
- Northern Ireland Executive
  www.northernireland.gov.uk
- The Scottish Government
  home.scotland.gov.uk/home
- Welsh Assembly Government
  http://wales.gov.uk/
- Local Government Careers & Local Government Jobs
  www.lgjobs.com/
- Manchester Enterprises – Commission for the New Economy for the Manchester City Region (formerly the Economic Development
Agency for Greater Manchester

- Greater London Authority – GLA Economics
  www.london.gov.uk/priorities/business-economy/publications/about-gla-economics

**Banking/Financial Services**
- The Bank of England
  www.bankofengland.co.uk/pages/home.aspx
- Jobs at the Bank of England
  www.bankofenglandjobs.co.uk/careers/pages/default.aspx
- Central Bank websites through Bank for International Settlements website
  www.bis.org/cbanks.htm
- London Stock Exchange includes a Member Firm Directory
  www.londonstockexchange.com/home/homepage.htm

**Professional Services**
- Business Monitor International - Provider of proprietary data, analysis, ratings, rankings and forecasts covering 175 countries and 22 industry sectors.
  www.businessmonitor.com
- IDEAglobal – independent organisation providing research and market intelligence for the financial sector.
  www.ideaglobal.com
- Moody’s Economy.com - independent provider of economic analysis, data, and forecasting and credit risk services.
  www.economy.com/default.asp

**European Organisations**
- European Commission
  http://ec.europa.eu
- Europa – The European Union On-line
  http://europa.eu/
- European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)
  www.ebrd.com
- European Central Bank
- European Investment Bank (EIB)
  [www.eib.org](http://www.eib.org)

**International Organisations**

- The Commonwealth (an association of over 50 independent states)
  [www.thecommonwealth.org](http://www.thecommonwealth.org)
- OECD (Organisation for Economic Co-Operation & Development)
- International Monetary Fund (IMF)
- United Nations
  [www.un.org](http://www.un.org)
- UN Careers Portal
- UN Economic & Social Council (ECOSOC)
- World Bank Group
- World Trade Organisation (WTO)
  [www.wto.org](http://www.wto.org)
- WiWi-online – an online research tool with quick links section including International Organisations
  [www.wiwi-online.co.uk/start.php](http://www.wiwi-online.co.uk/start.php)

**Other Organisations**

- Confederation of British Industry (CBI)
  [www.cbi.org.uk](http://www.cbi.org.uk)
- Greater Manchester Chamber of Commerce and Industry
  [www.manchester-chamber.org](http://www.manchester-chamber.org)
- The British Chambers of Commerce
  [www.britishchambers.org.uk](http://www.britishchambers.org.uk)
- Companies House
  [www.companieshouse.gov.uk](http://www.companieshouse.gov.uk)
Sources for Jobs include:

- ELDIS – Development, Policy, Practice and Research
  www.eldis.org
- Business Week Online
  www.businessweek.com/
- The Economist Online
  www.economist.com
- FT.com - Financial Times Online
  www.ft.com/home/uk
- CityJobs (in partnership with the British Bankers Association)
  www.cityjobs.com
- eFinancial careers
  www.efinancialcareers.co.uk
- Economists Jobs Alert (weekly e-mail bulletin)
  economistjobs.com
- Economics Jobs at econjobs.com
  www.econ-jobs.com
- Economic Jobs in UK Higher Education Institutions
  www.jobs.ac.uk
- Economics Forum and Jobs
  economists.ning.com
- NewStart – online regeneration magazine
  www.cles.org.uk/newstart/
- Regen.net – includes news by sectors e.g. Economic Development and a link to Regeneration & Renewal magazine
  www.regen.net
- The Supply Curve – Job board for Economist, Econometrician and Statistician jobs
  www.thesupplycurve.com

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