Politics & Government: Useful Careers Resources

Careers information

Prospects website includes Job Profiles for careers in Politics:
https://www.prospects.ac.uk/job-profiles

Politician’s Assistant
Trade union research officer
Diplomatic Service Operational Entry Grade
Public affairs consultant
Public relations account executive
Newspaper journalist
Charity officer
Civil Service administrator
Civil Service fast streamer
Government social research officer
Information officer
Local Government officer
Market researcher
Public affairs consultant
Social researcher
Statistician
The National Careers Service also includes job profiles although not all at graduate level:
https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/advice/planning/jobfamily/Pages/default.aspx

Job Listings and Careers Advice

www.electus-start.com
Essential guide to careers in politics and public affairs in the UK and EU

- www.policyjobs.net
  American bias – but does allow search by geographical area. Includes a directory of think tanks.

- www.politicaljobs.net
  Sister site of www.policyjobs.net (above) more UK and EU bias. Subscription required to some areas.

- www.w4mp.org
  Resource for those wanting to work for an MP - includes job adverts, salary guides and much more.

- www.infolaw.co.uk/lawfinder
  The directory has an entry for political parties in the UK

- www.appc.org.uk
  Association of Professional Political Consultants – includes directory of members

- www.ukpolitics.org.uk
  UKPol website with useful links.

Careers in Government

- www.civilservicejobs.service.gov.uk/csr/jobs.cgi
  The gateway to Civil Service recruitment,
  www.gov.uk/guidance/civil-service-fast-stream-graduate-schemes
  Information on Fast Stream entry to the Civil Service

- www.parliament.uk/about/working/jobs/
  Job vacancies in the Houses of Parliament-

- www.ngdp.org.uk
  National Graduate Development Programme for Local Government scheme
Careers in European Institutions (correct at time of writing but could be subject to change)

  Job vacancies in Europe
- [http://ec.europa.eu/stages](http://ec.europa.eu/stages)  
  European Commission Traineeships (Stages)
- [http://www.eurobrussels.com](http://www.eurobrussels.com)  
  EuroBrussels, another source of vacancies in European institutions

Careers in International Politics & Government

- [www.un.org](http://www.un.org)  
  The United Nations’ website. Click on Employment for job opportunities.

Careers in Think Tanks

- [www.policyjobs.net](http://www.policyjobs.net)  
  Includes directory of think tanks searchable by country

Postgraduate study

- [www.prospects.ac.uk/postgraduate_study.htm](http://www.prospects.ac.uk/postgraduate_study.htm) - General database of programmes and information on funding
- Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) [www.esrc.ac.uk](http://www.esrc.ac.uk)
- [www.findamasters.com](http://www.findamasters.com)
- [www.findaphd.com](http://www.findaphd.com)
- [www.postgrad.com](http://www.postgrad.com)
- [www.jobs.ac.uk](http://www.jobs.ac.uk)
- [www.postgraduatestudentships.co.uk/](http://www.postgraduatestudentships.co.uk/)
- [www.fulbright.org.uk](http://www.fulbright.org.uk) - Postgraduate study in the USA

Volunteering Opportunities

- [http://www.usu.co.uk/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.usu.co.uk/Pages/default.aspx) (University of Surrey Students’ Union, volunteering pages)
- [www.do-it.org.uk](http://www.do-it.org.uk) (Volunteering opportunities across the UK)
Please note that this list is by no means definitive but features some of the more useful websites. For further information on job sectors and detailed occupational profiles please go to the Prospects website, www.prospects.ac.uk.