Politics & International Relations: Useful Careers Resources

Sources of Careers information

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

DODS information on and connections with MPs: http://www.dodsgroup.com/

Did you know? You can access our full leaflet series online: www.surrey.ac.uk/careers/current/leaflets/
University of Oxford Careers Service: information on working for Think-Tanks: https://www.careers.ox.ac.uk/think-tanks/ and for international organisations: http://www.careers.ox.ac.uk/international-organisations/

Job Listings

- [www.policyjobs.net](http://www.policyjobs.net)
  American bias – but does allow search for jobs in UK and Europe by geographical area. Includes a directory of think tanks.

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

- [www.w4mp.org](http://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](http://www.infolaw.co.uk/lawfinder)
  The directory has an entry for political parties in the UK

- [www.appc.org.uk](http://www.appc.org.uk)
  Association of Professional Political Consultants – includes directory of members

Careers in Government

- [https://www.civilservicejobs.service.gov.uk/csr/index.cgi](https://www.civilservicejobs.service.gov.uk/csr/index.cgi)
  The gateway to Civil Service recruitment,

- [https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/civil-service-fast-stream](https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/civil-service-fast-stream)
  Information on Fast Stream entry to the Civil Service

- [www.parliament.uk/about/working/jobs/](http://www.parliament.uk/about/working/jobs/)
  Job vacancies in the Houses of Parliament

- [www.ngdp.org.uk](http://www.ngdp.org.uk)
  National Graduate Development Programme for Local Government scheme

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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

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Volunteering Opportunities

- [http://www.uusu.co.uk/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.uusu.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](http://www.prospects.ac.uk).

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