

Geography and Future Job Prospects

Most students, when thinking about choosing what to study at University think first and foremost about what they are interested in - and quite rightly so! At the same time they (and their parents!) are also thinking about future job prospects. Here at Lancaster, we take the future employment of our students extremely seriously. We are proud of the fact that over 85% of our students find rewarding employment within 6 months of graduating. Part of what we have been able to offer since 2009 is an introduction to hands-on experience of the business world with the Enterprise and Business Partnership (EBP). The EBP includes 25 environmental companies on site, and has contacts with over 1000 companies across the UK. The EBP thus offers our students the chance to explore first-hand the relationship between environmental research and business. And much of the research undertaken by teaching staff is also rolled out into the wider world through some of the EBP business contacts.

Modules taught by the EBP allow students to work with either one of the resident businesses in the Lancaster Environment Centre or with a business in the local area. These modules also relate closely to knowledge and skills gained on other taught Geography modules. The EBP experience really brings the relevance of Geography as a taught subject to life and encourages students to draw on everything they are learning to solve real world problems .

EBP also offers dissertation research projects linked with specific businesses. Finally, the Graduate Consultancy Scheme has placed about 300 students in industrial settings over five years.

Here are a few examples of the careers developed by some of our graduates:

- **Poie Yee-Li** (BSc Geography, 2008) **is part of the Exmoor National Park Policy and Community Planning Team**
- **Natasha Fox** (BSc Geography, 2007) **is a Sustainability Adviser at Halcrow Group**
- **Emily Pile** (BA Economics and Geography, 2009) **is a Graduate Trainee Accountant**

Featured Alumna



Michelle Clarke, BA in Geography, spent two weeks in Uganda through the Graduate Consultancy Scheme with the company Nile Teas Ltd. Subsistence farmers there are obtaining extra income through producing a hibiscus drink for the UK and East African

markets. She explains, "I was looking at how the farmers are adapting to climate change and potential solutions ... Working on a research project in Uganda is one of the most exciting opportunities I've ever had. The people I met and the fantastic experience I had meant that I didn't want to leave at the end of the two weeks! I am aiming to go back this summer ..."

For more details about the reports above or about Geography courses on offer at Lancaster University please contact the Geography Admissions Staff,

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Photo above and left, Michelle Clarke in Uganda
Centre photo courtesy of Exmoor National Park
Top photo, a LEC student on an industrial placement

