

## Options with a degree in Conservation Biology

### What skills will you develop?

Conservation Biology graduates are able to

- demonstrate knowledge of global biodiversity, and an understanding of ecology and ecological processes
- conduct professional-standard surveys, employing a methodical approach
- consider moral and ethical issues in the practice of conservation
- conduct research in the laboratory and the field
- critically assess and make informed, evaluative choices based on ethical mandates
- analyse and interpret data
- write reports
- be self-reliant and work with initiative, managing time and workloads effectively
- use information technology to store, retrieve and produce material for course work
- give attention to detail
- work in a team or independently
- communicate effectively both verbally and in writing

**These are just a sample of jobs where a Conservation Biology degree would be a useful background or relevant first step prior to further training or study:**

- Ecological/environmental consultant
- Education officer for a zoo or conservation organisation
- Field trials officer
- Journalism and Media
- Land-use planner for council/regional government
- National parks ranger
- Nature conservation officer
- Research assistant for field or laboratory studies
- Teaching
- Wildlife guide for ecotourism
- Wildlife manager

## What other career options are there?

Many employers seek graduates with a good degree (usually a 2.2 or higher), and over 80% of employers don't have a preference for the subject studied. These are some of the areas you could also consider. Some of these will involve further study or training:

- Accountancy
- Administration
- Advertising
- Banking
- Charity and voluntary work
- Civil Service
- Events management
- Finance
- Hospitality
- HR
- Insurance
- Law
- Local government
- Management
- Marketing
- Public Relations
- Politics
- Recruitment
- Sales and retail
- Tourism

**For more information about different sectors and job roles, including career-planning tools, the following websites are helpful:**

[Prospects](#)

[National Careers Service](#)

[Targetjobs](#)

[Allaboutcareers](#)

## What help is available from the University of Cumbria?

The Careers and Employability Service can support you with your career planning throughout your time at university, and for up to three years after you graduate. During this time, you can access our career hub, [My Career Enriched](#), which enables you to:

- search for graduate jobs, part-time work, work experience, placements and paid internships
- book one-to-one advice and guidance appointments
- book a practice interview
- book onto employability events
- access the CV/application review service

We also offer practical workshops on a range of employability topics, as well as advice and information about further study.

Students with a disability or health condition can request information and advice on finding disability confident employers, how to declare a disability, applying for work, and requesting adjustments in the recruitment process.

Access our range of careers information and resources on [My.Cumbria.ac.uk](http://My.Cumbria.ac.uk)

### Other useful sources of advice:

[Blackboard](#)

[Targetpostgrad](#)

[FindAMasters](#)

[Conservation Jobs](#)

[Conservation Careers](#)

[Marine Conservation Society](#)

[Environment Jobs](#)

[Environmentjobs.co.uk](http://Environmentjobs.co.uk)

[Society for Conservation Biology](#)

[Countryside Jobs](#)

[Jobs.ac.uk](http://Jobs.ac.uk)

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