

Options with a degree in Animal Conservation Science

What skills will you develop?

Animal Conservation Science graduates are able to:

- demonstrate knowledge of the principles and practice of conservation
- conduct professional-standard surveys
- employ the practical skills of conducting research in the laboratory and the field
- critically assess and make informed, evaluative choices
- evidence a critical understanding of the ethical mandate for, and constraints on, conservation practice
- employ a methodical approach, giving attention to detail
- 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
- work in a team or independently
- communicate both verbally and in writing

These are just a sample of jobs where an Animal Conservation degree would be a useful background or relevant first step prior to further training or study.

- Nature conservation officer
- Ecological/environmental consultant
- Field trials officer
- Animal technician
- Research assistant
- National parks ranger
- Education officer for a zoo or conservation organisation
- Wildlife guide for ecotourism
- Wildlife manager
- Teaching
- Journalism and Media

Recent Animal Conservation Science graduates are working at:

- Wildlife Trust
- Rivers Trust
- Chester Zoo
- Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust
- RSPB
- Ecological/environmental consultancies
- National Parks

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
- Politics
- Public Relations
- Recruitment
- Sales

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

Other useful sources of advice:

[Targetpostgrad](#)

[Environment Jobs](#)

[FindAMasters](#)

Environmentjobs.co.uk

[Conservation Jobs](#)

[Society for Conservation Biology](#)

[Conservation Careers](#)

[Countryside Jobs](#)

[Marine Conservation Society](#)

Jobs.ac.uk

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