

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
- write reports
- be self-reliant and work with initiative
- manage 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 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 for field or laboratory studies

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

Universities

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:

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

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 have graduated.

We have a virtual [Job Shop](#) where we advertise local, national and international vacancies aimed at our students and graduates. Register and you can search for job vacancies, as well as receive email notifications of new job vacancies matching your saved preferences. We also post opportunities on our social media channels ([Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#)) and have a weekly 'featured opportunity' every Friday on our blog.

We offer a range of appointments (face-to-face, telephone or Skype), CV support to more in-depth careers advice and guidance. Appointments can be booked via email – careers@cumbria.ac.uk

Other useful sources of advice

There are many places to look for information and advice about careers, job opportunities, postgraduate study and further training. There are just a few that you may find useful.

[Blackboard](#)

<http://www.environmentjob.co.uk/>

[Targetpostgrad](#)

<http://www.conservation-jobs.co.uk/>

[FindAMasters](#)

<http://www.jobs.ac.uk/>

www.conservationjobs.co.uk

<http://www.conbio.org/professional->

www.conservation-careers.com

development/scb-job-board/

[marine conservation society](http://marineconservationsociety.org)

<http://www.countryside-jobs.com/>

<http://www.environmentjobs.com/>

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