

Where are the Jobs for Geographers?

UC Geography graduates are found in places as varied as the Treasury, Tourism New Zealand, GIS and Global Positioning Systems (GPS) companies, the Police, local authorities, education, and in their own consultancies and businesses.

The environmental field is wide open: the Resource Management Act has created a vast market for geographers in consultancy, and in regional and local government. Technical expertise in areas such as Geographic Information Systems and remote sensing can be in heavy demand from both the public and private sectors. Research and policy positions in central, regional and local government are popular. Others work overseas, for Foreign Affairs or other development agencies and the United Nations. There are jobs that are particularly people-focused, where communication skills are critical, as in Journalism, teaching and human resources. Geographers may become self-employed in their own companies – in the environmental field and publishing for example – while others enter big companies, in fields such as electronics and tourism.

Some of our recent graduates are working in areas such as:

- Resource Planner, GIS Analyst (Local Government)
- Conservation, Wild Life Management (DoC)
- Product Engineer, Mapping/GIS Software (ESRI, California)
- Environment (Ministry of Fisheries)
- Resource Management (Ministry for the Environment)
- Maori Research & Development (Ngai Tahu)
- Coastal and Marine Zone Development
- Surveying (Trimble)
- Director (Post-Tsunami Rehabilitation & Reconstruction, Indonesia)
- Airlines Flight and Ground Crew
- Export & Trade
- Development Studies (for NGO's)
- Overseas Aid Agencies (UN, MFAT)
- Mining and Exploration
- Publishing & Media, Television/Film
- Computing, IT
- Cartography & Geographical Information Systems (GIS)
- Logistics & Transportation Modeling (BasePlus)
- Teaching and Education
- Social Work
- Climate and weather-related careers (NIWA)
- National Parks, Tourism & Travel
- Civil Engineering
- Diplomatic Service
- Disaster Planning, Relief Management
- Environmental Management
- Communications
- Outdoor Activities/Pursuits/ Tour Guiding
- Health Management
- Project Management
- Horticulture



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