So you’ve got a Geography degree…

Now what are you going to do with it?
“as a young man, my fondest dream was to become a geographer. However, while working at the customs office, I thought deeply about the matter and concluded it was far too difficult a subject. I then turned to Physics as a substitute.

- Albert Einstein
Geography Degrees Granted, NCES data

Number of BA degrees in Geography: US


Source: National Center for Education Statistics (NCES)
To cultivate and inform an enthusiastic and critical engagement with the community and the world through the study of physical geography, human geography, human/environment relationships, and geographical techniques.

Students will develop skills in:

1. Identifying and framing research questions.
2. Qualitative and quantitative research methods.
4. Ethical and cultural competencies.
5. Societal and environmental stewardship.
## Geographers at work

### Human Geographers

**Government**
- Planning, Transportation
- Health & Human Services
- Housing & Urban Development
- Census Bureau

**Non-profit & advocacy**
- Smart Growth, Sustainability
- VISTA/Americorps
- Community-based organizations
- Research Institutes/Think tanks

**Education**
- Primary, Secondary
- College/University
- Museums, continuing ed.

**Business**
- Marketing
- Consulting

### Physical Geographers

**Government**
- Land management, planning
- Environment Mgmt, Nat. Resources
- Weather, Water, Space agencies

**Non-profit & advocacy**
- Public Interest Research Group
- Land Trust
- Watershed Councils
- VISTA/Americorps
- Research Institutes

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I want to get a job!

I want to try something different (a.k.a. “the gap year”)

I want to go to graduate school
Considerations

- Where do your interests (passions) lie?
- Are your major / minor synergistic?
- What skills are you developing?
- How can internship, research assistantship help build resume and develop a trajectory?
- Who would write you a (glowing) letter of recommendation?
Thinking about internships or assistantships

- Survey the options; talk with faculty & professionals
- Conduct informational interviews / network (https://alumni.uvm.edu)
- Offer to work for free
- Get exposure, develop a skill, create a product, build your resume!
Opportunities for Geographers

http://www.geographyjobs.com/
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The GIS Jobs Clearinghouse

Welcome to the GIS Jobs Clearinghouse. The most visited GIS/RS jobs site on the Internet. Started in 1992, the GJC has helped thousands of GIS/RS professionals find positions. With hundreds of positions and resumes in our database, the GJC has resources for both employers and those seeking jobs. The GJC is no longer a free site (it is for posting resumes). We are charging minimal fees to post position descriptions in order to operate the site.

As always, if you have any success, questions or just a suggestion or two then please drop us a note.

Important: If you plan on posting information on this site OR wish to view resumes, then you will need to establish a username and password. You do not need to register if you are just viewing jobs!

Scam Alert! (7/2-2008) Apparently someone is mailing folks with resumes on the site with a bogus job offer. The message title is “Job Offer From... (www.GJC.org)”. The sender is not affiliated with the GJC in any way. Please don’t get taken in.

News: The GJC is now running on a new server thanks to the folks at SMGIS.

5/3/08 - Added alternative sort orders for jobs. Not sure how useful the feature is, but it’s there to try...
5/2/08 - Formalized the site terms of use, primarily to keep folks from re-purposing GJC content.
5/2/08 - Added password reminder (yes, a long time coming.)
3/2/08 - Enhanced posted resumes (thanks to the folks at SMGIS.)

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