

WHAT CAN I DO WITH A MAJOR IN HISTORY

CAREER INFORMATION FOR MAJOR IN HISTORY

This handout provides sources of career information for **History Majors**. There are different career options available in the field of for **History**. Below is a sample of some of the types of positions for graduates with major in for **History**. Please note that you might require further education and experience for some positions.

SKILLS DEVELOPED BY HISTORY STUDENTS

Organizational Skills

- Manage multiple projects
- Application of theoretical knowledge in practical settings

Problem Solving Skills

- Decision-making
- Reason logically
- Critical thinking

Communication Skills

- Understanding and verbally communicating of global history
- Understanding of cultural diversity
- Formulate and defend positions
- Mediate in disputes and conflicts
- Listen objectively
- Writing research papers
- Summarize concepts and ideas
- Adapt vocabulary to suit a wide variety of audiences
- Read and understand primary sources
- Oral presentation skills
- Adapt in cross-cultural settings

Research Skills

- Attention to detail
- Critical analytical skills
- Examining evidence
- Editing skills
- Evaluate ideas and research
- Gather information and data
- Literature reviews using libraries and internet
- Interpret research and data

CAREERS IN HISTORY

Museum and Art Gallery

- Historian
- Archivist
- Event Planner
- Heritage Assistant
- Historical Projects Coordinator
- Museum Assistant
- Tour Guide
- Exhibit Designer
- Museum Educator/Coordinator
- Conservator
- Arts Administrator
- Antique Dealer
- Appraiser
- Librarian

Business and Industry

- Corporate Trainer
- Market Research Analyst
- Underwriter-Insurance
- Financial Analyst
- Bank Management Trainee
- Business Systems Analyst
- Human Resources
- Coach
- Auditor
- Consultant
- Personal Financial Planner

Communications

- Historical Writer
- Historical Interpreter
- Proofreader
- Editor
- Technical Writer
- Sports Writer
- Communications Specialist
- Public Relations
- Journalist
- Fundraiser
- Publishing Sales Representative
- Radio/TV Producer
- Community Relations
- Library Media

Government/Education/Non-Profit

- Foreign Services Officer
- Professor
- Public Policy Analyst
- Teacher
- Academic Counsellor
- Immigration Officer
- Counsellor, social service
- Customs Officer
- Educational Consultant
- Politician

Other

- Lawyer
- Judicial Clerk
- Legislative Analyst
- Researcher

AREAS OF EMPLOYMENT FOR HISTORY GRADUATES

Public Sector Graduates

- Administration and Management
- Federal Government
- Provincial Government
- Municipal Government
- Organising the delivery of services
- Co-ordinating and servicing committees
- Writing Reports
- Drafting Policies and Procedures

General commercial careers

- Manager and Research Analyst

Communications

- Advertising
- Marketing and Public Relations
- Newspaper or Broadcast Journalist
- Law and Accountancy jobs
- Careers include Solicitor
- Commercial and Non-Commercial
- Legal Assistant and Accountant

Financial Services careers

- Insurance Agent and Banker

Marketing and Sales-related

- Marketing Officer
- Sales Representative
- Retail and Buying

Academia and Education

- Research Assistant
- History Professor
- High school/Elementary History Teacher

EMPLOYERS WHO HIRE HISTORY GRADUATES

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Museums and Art Galleries • History Museums • Art Museums • Living History Museums • Children's Museums • Nature Centres • College/University Museums • Park Museums and Visitor Centres • Science Museums • National and Provincial Park Service | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exhibit Areas • Preservation Boards and Historical Societies • Correction and Rehabilitation Facilities • Insurance Companies • Federal/Provincial/Local Government Agencies • Government and Community Organizations • Business/Market Research Firms | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Universities/College/Schools • Publishers • Non-profit agencies • International organizations (e.g., United Nations) • Community Services • Religious Organizations • Residential Care Facilities • Public Relations and Communications Firms • Employee Assistance Plans (among others) |
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HISTORY ASSOCIATIONS

Canadian Oral History Association (COHA)

<http://www.canoha.ca/>

Social Science History Association

<http://www.ssha.org/>

History Associations & Organizations

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

Resources of Scholarly Societies - History

http://www.lib.uwaterloo.ca/society/history_soc.html

Art History Associations

[http://art-](http://art-history.concordia.ca/rvacanada/associations.html)

[history.concordia.ca/rvacanada/associations.html](http://art-history.concordia.ca/rvacanada/associations.html)

JOBS AND CAREER RESOURCES FOR HISTORY STUDENTS

<p>Associations of Universities and Colleges of Canada http://www.aucc.ca/</p> <p>Canadian Universities and Colleges Higher Education and Employment in Canada http://www.canadian-universities.net/index.html</p> <p>Canada's Top 100 Employers http://www.canadastop100.com/national/</p> <p>CareerBeacon.com Federal Government Departments and Agencies http://www.careerbeacon.com/</p> <p>+ Jobs Canada http://www.canada.plusjobs.com/</p>	<p>Careers in Culture http://www.culturalhrc.ca/careersinculture/default-e.asp http://www.workinculture.ca/</p> <p>Fashion and Retail http://www.talismanretail.co.uk/vacancies_search.php</p> <p>Human Resources, Labor and Employment http://www.hrle.gov.nl.ca/hrle/</p> <p>Job Square.com http://www.jobsquare.com/</p> <p>Job Postings http://www.jobpostings.ca/</p> <p>Career Edge http://www.careeredge.org/</p>	<p>Municipal World http://www.municipalworld.com/index.php/JobBoard/Index</p> <p>Ontario Government Job Site http://www.gojobs.gov.on.ca/</p> <p>Public Service Commission http://jobs-emplois.gc.ca/</p> <p>Cultural Human Resources Council http://www.culturalhrc.ca/</p> <p>Career Magazine http://www.careermag.com/</p> <p>Media Job Search Canada http://www.mediajobsearchcanada.com/</p> <p>TalentEgg http://www.talentegg.ca</p>
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