



Hub Headlines

SU Careers Week

As the last day of Sheffield Students' Union What's Next Careers Week, today we focus on the Public Sector and Government. Read on for tips and advice, vacancies and more.

[Click here](#) to find out more about the SU Careers Week.

Public Sector & Government



Overview

Public services offer a variety of opportunities for the [5.3 million already working in the public sector](#). You could work for local or national government, health or social care, education or business administration or in law enforcement.

How do the public and private sectors differ?

In essence, [the goal of the private sector](#) is to make money, whilst public service focuses on letting individuals and communities flourish. The corporate market creates its own framework through supply and demand, providing the goods or services that people choose to pay for. The public sector, by contrast, is maintained by taxation and national insurance contributions, serving the public's greater interests.

If you want to dedicate yourself to the nation's general wellbeing, you have a job for life. The public sector is always scouting for socially-motivated graduates with the right skills to join their ranks, and improve the lives of millions of citizens across the UK.

Government

Opportunities in the public services can be broadly categorised into the two main areas of central and local government, which employ around 3.23 million and 2.03 million people respectively (as of June 2019).

Thousands of departmental workers strive to enact policy and procedures that enable the UK to function as it does. Despite being far from the political spotlight, they are vital for glueing successful strategies together, making top-drawer decisions a reality. These roles are closely knitted to everyday life. A career in government means you'll be interacting with regular people under British rule. You'll therefore be expected to impartially carry out political directives. The most populous route in this regard is a civil servant role, the bedrock of departmental activity.

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Covid impact

The latest assessment of graduate recruitment at the UK's leading employers highlights a stark difference in the way that the Coronavirus crisis affected graduate employers in the public and private sectors in 2020. Recruitment in 2020 was cut by 6.8% in the public sector (including the Armed Forces), compared with 14.6% in the private sector. According to [Highfliers](#), the largest recruiter of new graduates in 2021 will be the public sector, which is offering a record 5,400 entry-level places at organisations such as Police Now, Teach First and the Civil Service Fast Stream.



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Student experience



John Bannister, Accounting & Financial Management

Placement year at Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

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Hamzah Umarji , Business Management

Placement year at Network Rail

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Our selection of vacancies in **Public sector & government**

Position:	Company:	Location:	Closing Date:
Local Government Graduate Finance Programme	Finance the Future	London, UK	31/05/21
General Management Graduate Scheme	Transport for London	London, UK	Rolling
Graduate Management Training Scheme	NHS	UK	Rolling

More vacancies available in [the job board](#)

We hope you found this issue useful, next week's Hub Headlines will be in the usual format but we would greatly appreciate any feedback you have on our Career Insight series. If you have any questions or would like to learn more about any of the industries featured, please email mgt.employability@sheffield.ac.uk or fill out the online enquiry form on the [Futures First website](#).

Useful links/ references

- Bright Network: [Public sector career path guide](#)
- Prospects: [Public sector](#)
- Careers Service: [Information resources](#)
- TargetJobs: [Graduate civil service](#)
- TargetJobs: [Public service](#)
- Highflighers: [The Graduate Market in 2021](#)
- Office for National Statistics: [The impact of the coronavirus so far](#)

Virtual Hub Opening Hours:

- Monday - 10am until 4pm
- Tuesday - 10am until 4pm
- Wednesday - 10am until 4pm
- Thursday - 10am until 4pm
- Friday - 10am until 4pm

The hub will be shut for lunch from 1pm until 2pm every day.

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Best wishes
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