Careers and Professional Development Resources
A guide developed by the AAG

What geographers do
www.aag.org/what_geographers_do

Although many people have received academic training in geography, few of us have the job title of "geographer." This resource describes some of the major geographic subdisciplines and topical emphases and matches them to related job titles to help demonstrate the role of geography in today's workforce.

Where geographers work
www.aag.org/where_geographers_work

Geographers pursue rewarding careers in education, business, government agencies, and nonprofit organizations. Learn more about each of these employment sectors and the different career opportunities they offer for geographers.

Profiles of professional geographers
www.aag.org/careerprofiles

Introductions to the work, educational preparation, and career paths of dozens of geographers spanning the academic, business, government, and nonprofit sectors. The profiles can be used as case studies for educational use or as a resource for learning about geography-related careers as well as the geographic and transferable skills sought by today's employers.

Jobs in Geography Center
jobs.aag.org

The new and improved AAG Jobs in Geography Center connects employers with thousands of highly engaged potential employees. Access to job listings is open to AAG members and non-members. Sign up for a free job seeker account to upload your resume, set up job alerts, and more.

Student and Postdoc Opportunities Website
www.aag.org/studentopportunities

The AAG Student and Postdoc Opportunities website features the latest graduate student assistantships, internships, postdoctoral research positions, and other opportunities for geography students. Geography departments regularly add new opportunities, so check back often to view the latest listings.

Salary data and trends
www.aag.org/salarydata

Browse information about salaries, projected growth, demand for key skills, and job titles for more than 90 geography-related occupations. Each year, updated data are collected from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics and analyzed to provide up-to-date snapshots of career prospects for geographers.

Career preparation tips
www.aag.org/careertips

Tip sheets prepared by AAG staff and links to high-quality external resources that provide advice on key topics related to career readiness. These succinct and accessibly written overviews are ideal for use as assigned readings or handouts for geography courses, workshops, and seminars.

Careers multimedia resources
www.aag.org/jobsmultimedia

Videos and slideshows on a variety of topics related to careers, professional development, and geographers' contributions to enhancing society and the environment. Concise, accessible overviews ideal for classroom use.
| **Careers & Professional Development Knowledge Community**  
| [http://community.aag.org/careers](http://community.aag.org/careers)  
| The Careers and Professional Development Knowledge Community provides an open forum for the exchange of information, ideas, and resources related to employment for geographers in the academic, business, government, and nonprofit sectors.  

| **AAG careers publications**  
| [www.aag.org/aagcareerpubs](http://www.aag.org/aagcareerpubs)  
| A bibliography of AAG-produced resources about careers and professional development, including books, journal articles, informational brochures, and archived items from the AAG Newsletter. Each entry includes a link to download or purchase the resource.  

| **Ask a geographer**  
| [www.aag.org/ask_a_geographer](http://www.aag.org/ask_a_geographer)  
| Contact information for experts from various subfields who will answer your questions about geographic issues and topics. Many of our volunteers accept inquiries about careers, professional development, and educational preparation.  

| **AAG Annual Meeting**  
| [Annualmeeting.aag.org](http://Annualmeeting.aag.org)  
| The Annual Meeting of the AAG features over 6,000 presentations, posters, workshops, and field trips by leading scholars, experts, and researchers in geography and related fields. A dynamic and expanding set of special sessions and hands-on activities focuses explicitly on careers and professional development.  

For more information or to suggest a resource, contact careers@aag.org
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YOU REALLY DO KNOW WHERE YOU WANT TO GO. GEOGRAPHY CAN TAKE YOU THERE.

For more information about Careers in Geography, go to www.aag.org.
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