



CAREERS FOR GEOGRAPHY GRADUATES

GEOGRAPHY AT UCC

Geography is unique in that it examines the cultures, societies, physical landscapes and environments of the Earth using a unique combination of the humanities, social and natural sciences. Geographers view the Earth and its inhabitants through the processes that form and transform the world we live in using a spatial perspective which is at the core of geography. Geographers use many tools and techniques in their work, and geographic technologies such as GIS are increasingly important for understanding our complex world. As such geography opens up a wide variety of potential careers.



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Geography

WHAT CAN GEOGRAPHY GRADUATES OFFER EMPLOYERS?

Geography has an emphasis on addressing real-world problems and issues is an excellent preparation for employment as it provides understanding of the complex nature of the world we live in and how it operates and is based a wide range of valuable transferable skills and competencies.

- An understanding of the human, physical and environmental geography of the Earth in all its complexity.
- An understanding of the theoretical principles that underlie all aspects of geography.
- An ability to apply these principles to real-world problems and come up with viable solutions and make the world a better place.
- Being able to gather and analyse data in a wide variety of formats from the field and laboratory to documentary sources.



- Having essential IT skills.

- Being able to communicate in a wide variety of formats.

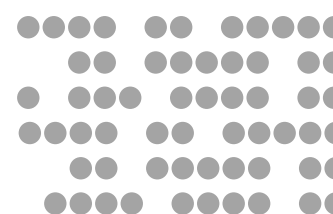
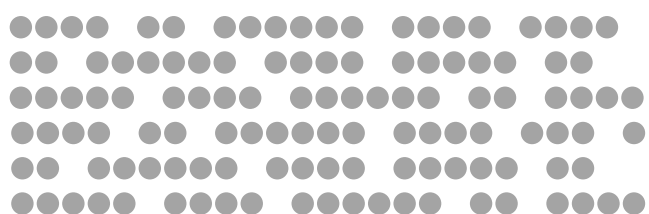
- Having organisational and project management skills including flexibility and adaptability.

- An ability to work individually or as part of a team in a wide variety of contexts.



GRADUATE OUTCOMES FOR GEOGRAPHY STUDENTS

Most Geography graduates fall under the general BA programme. This programme is assessed by the Careers Service in its Graduate Outcomes Report compiled six months after graduation. This shows that over 90% of BA graduates either go on to further study including teaching or employment.



GRADUATE STUDIES

The Geography Department offers a number of options for further study including a H.Dip in Geography, two taught masters programmes, the M.Sc in Applied Coastal and Marine Management and the M.Sc in Geoinformatics. In addition, the Geography Department offers a variety of research based further study options including the 1 year Masters in Research and a 4 year structured Ph.d.

AREAS OF EMPLOYMENT FOR GEOGRAPHY GRADUATES



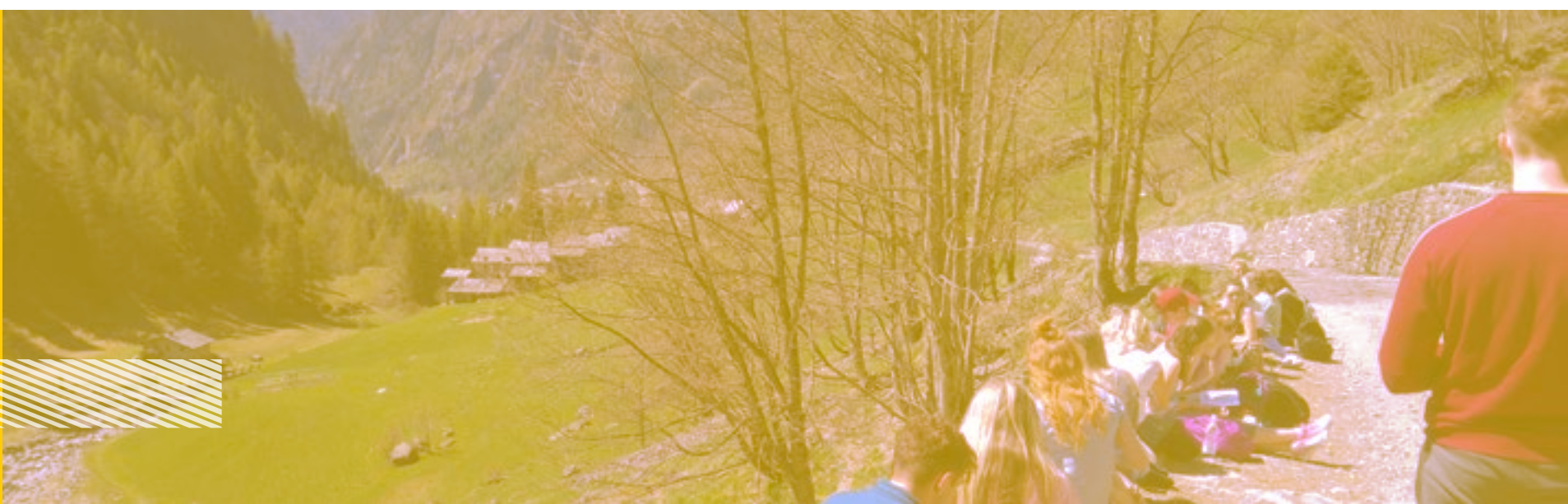
Geography graduates are employed in a wide variety of careers, related to their areas of interest and also following on from their further studies.

Geography graduates are employed in the education sector including primary, secondary and third level teaching and lecturing, along with research and administration employment.

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Many geography graduates go on to take up public sector jobs including in various departments in central government, local government and semi-state agencies in a wide variety of roles.

02





Geography graduates find employment in non-government organisations in a wide variety of roles.

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Geography is a key foundation to the planning system in Ireland and following on from a postgraduate degree in planning geography graduates go on to fulfil planning roles in both central government and local authority planning units and as planning consultants in the private sector.

04

Geography graduates can be found in consultancy work in environmental, GIS and remote sensing, coastal and marine and other areas.

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An IT career in a wide variety of roles is also an outcome of being a geography graduate.

06

Geography graduates are active in business and as self-employed in a wide variety of areas.

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A career in journalism and broadcasting is also an area of employment for geography graduates.

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Graduate Profile 1

FEARGHAL Ó NUALLÁIN

BA Geography and Economics

Fearghal's degree in Geography at UCC helped fuel his curiosity about the world. He further developed this interest by taking the MSc in Environment and Development and trained as a secondary school teacher. Having spent several years in the classroom, he is now an explorer and film maker, curious about the potential for adventure to make the classroom come alive.

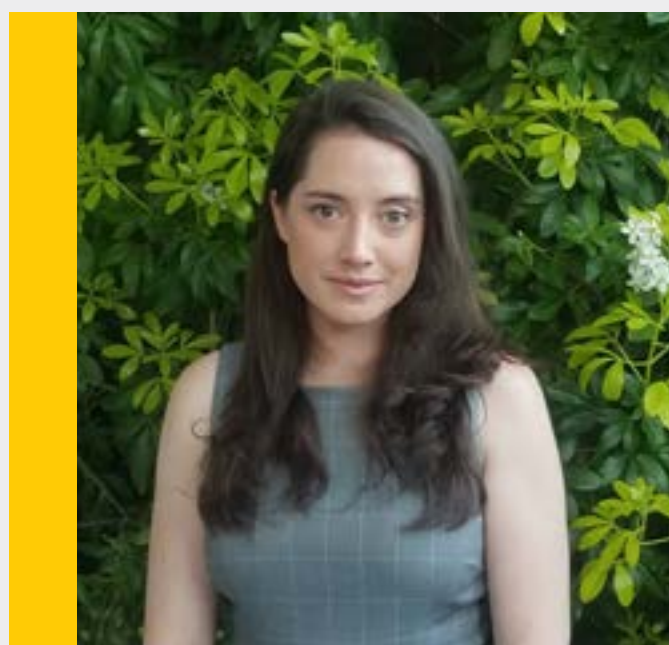


Graduate Profile 2

CATHERINE NEILL

BA in Geography and Sociology, 2009

Catherine is an Urban Planner with the City of Vancouver, Canada. She is working on Vancouver's first city-wide plan, which aims to create a more sustainable, inclusive, and affordable city. Previously, she undertook summer placements at Cork City Council, the Department of the Environment and the London Borough of Hackney. Geography has helped Catherine better understand the broader environment and the various physical and social systems that shape it. She has found her UCC BA is highly transferable to the international context.



Graduate Profile 3

PADDY O' HALLORAN

BA in Geography
and History, 2018

My work as a Youth Justice Worker in North Cork has been incredibly rewarding. The aim of the project is to build trusting relationships that enable us to work with and empower young people to make better proactive decisions in their lives. A geography degree has given me the skills and confidence to be effective and caring in what is a rewarding and dynamic career path. Geography taught me to look at the world through a different lens, to think critically and assess every possibility. It is these skills that have not only benefitted me but moreover the young people I work with every day.

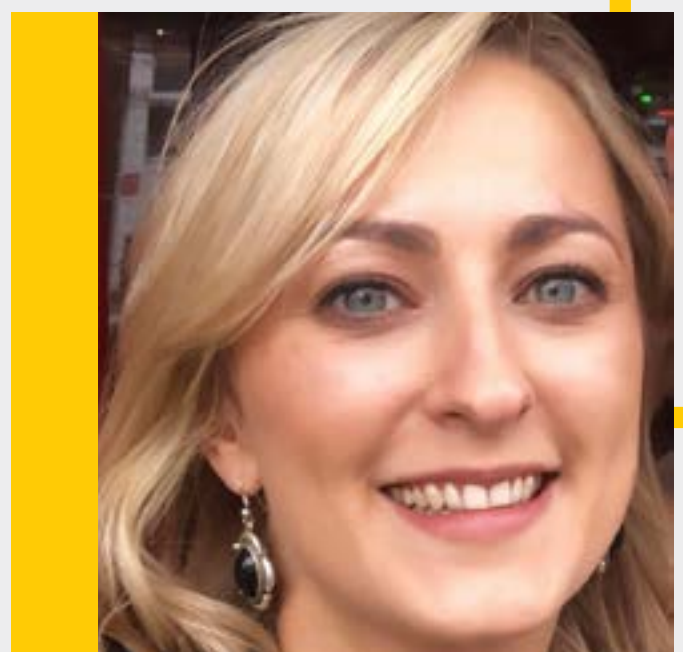


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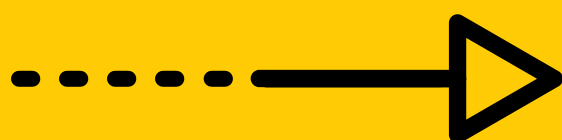
B.A. in Geography
and Gaeilge 2015

A degree in Geography and Gaeilge gave me a great foundation to continue into a Professional Masters in Primary Education. I am currently working as a 4th and 5th Class Teacher in Cork City. My final year dissertation in Geography focused on map work and I have been able to transfer my mapping skills to enhance activities I organise as Active Schools Coordinator. This B.A. and the guidance I received from my lecturers have enabled me to be an engaging and effective educator.



WHERE CAN I FIND OUT MORE?

**DEPARTMENT
OF
GEOGRAPHY,
UCC**



**THE
GEOGRAPHICAL
SOCIETY OF
IRELAND**



**ASSOCIATION
OF AMERICAN
GEOGRAPHERS**



**ROYAL
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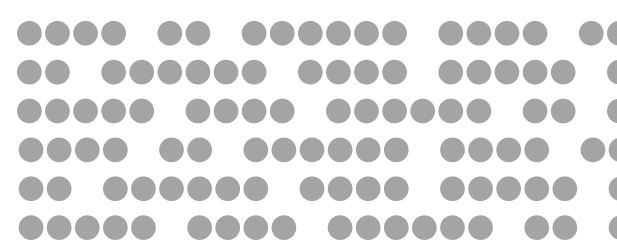
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CAREERS**



**ASSOCIATION OF
GEOGRAPHY
TEACHERS
OF IRELAND**



GRADIRELAND



**IRISH PLANNING
INSTITUTE**



**ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION AGENCY**



**THE IRISH
MARINE INSTITUTE**



**MAREI CENTRE FOR
MARINE AND RENEWABLE
ENERGY, UCC**



12 WAYS TO PUT YOUR GEOGRAPHY DEGREE TO WORK

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Use the careers service to develop your CV and job interview skills.

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Use the careers service to identify your future career path.

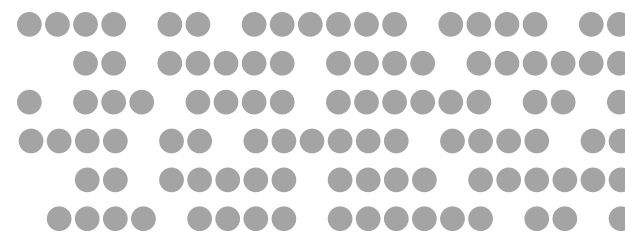
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Use the opportunities to meet past graduates to assist with your career path.

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Use the careers service to meet potential employers and get to understand their requirements.





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Enhance your employability by undertaking internships and relevant summer employment.

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Enhance your employability by undertaking additional skills training.

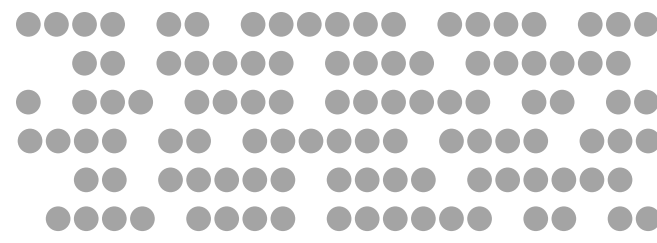
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Enhance your employability by undertaking the work placement module.

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Enhance your employability by volunteering.





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Enhance your employability by active involvement in the Student's Union, society or club.

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Join professional geography societies in Ireland and abroad.

11

Enhance your degree with further postgraduate training in Geography and other related programmes.

12

Commit yourself to life-long learning.



DID YOU KNOW?

So many of the world's current problems boil down to geography and need the geographers of the future to help us understand them.

- Michael Palin, former President of the Royal Geographical Society



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appointment
to meet a
careers advisor**



**Work
Placement**





UCC Works Award Programme



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your job**

UCC Careers



MyStudentJob



Employability Events

**Careers Fairs, Roadshows,
Employer Presentations**



Volunteering Opportunities

