Jobs and Internships for Physicists

Physics & Astronomy students from UCL enter a wide variety of sectors on graduating. Over the past 3 years, the most popular sectors have been:

- Computer programming & software development
- IT systems development and analytics
- Teaching
- Management consultancy
- Engineering (various types)
- Finance and accountancy

However, the most popular destination by far for Physics & Astronomy undergraduates is further study, with an average of 44% going on to masters and PhDs over the past 3 years.

There are a wide range of roles open to Physics & Astronomy students. To find out more about these options, see: [http://www.ucl.ac.uk/careers/departments/careers_with_a_physics_and_astronomy_degree](http://www.ucl.ac.uk/careers/departments/careers_with_a_physics_and_astronomy_degree)

If you are looking for opportunities, linked to your subject, the following are good starting points:

- [http://brightrecruits.com](http://brightrecruits.com) - the job website from the Institute of Physics. This site enables you to search by physics specialism as well as by location and desired salary
- [www.ukplanetaryforum.org](http://www.ukplanetaryforum.org) – the Planetary Forum has a good list of PhD studentships in this area as well as some internship opportunities (for PhDs and undergraduates)
- CERN has a number of programmes for students (PhDs and undergraduates), including a summer programme. Details are here: [http://jobs.web.cern.ch/join-us/students](http://jobs.web.cern.ch/join-us/students)
- [www.npl.co.uk/careers/current-vacancies](http://www.npl.co.uk/careers/current-vacancies) - National Physical Laboratory has jobs and internships at all levels
- [www.earthworks-jobs.com](http://www.earthworks-jobs.com) - a site for geophysics, energy and related areas. Roles are worldwide and many are not entry level but they do also have relevant courses advertised on the site
- [www.ras.org.uk/education-and-careers](http://www.ras.org.uk/education-and-careers) - the Royal Astronomical Society careers site. This has a JISC mail list that you can subscribe to for jobs in Astronomy – this is mainly for PhD students

Linked to the above is the American Astronomical Society which has worldwide roles for Astronomy. The roles are mainly aimed at experienced hires and PhDs but they do also advertise funded PhD study positions: [http://jobregister.aas.org](http://jobregister.aas.org)

[www.careerstagged.co.uk](http://www.careerstagged.co.uk) - Online Careers Library (provided by The Careers Group, University of London)

Due to the large number of students in the Department of Physics & Astronomy wishing to undertake further study and/or looking for an academic career, the department itself sometimes employs a number of their own students during the summer. Students should talk to their tutor in the first instance.