What do University of Edinburgh graduates do?

School: Social and Political Science  
Level: Postgraduate Taught  
Response to survey: 42%

Context: Looking at what previous graduates have done can be useful when considering your own options. The Graduate Outcomes Survey provides the best insight we have into what graduates do. It is worth remembering though that not all graduates respond to the survey and for those that do we don’t have any context around other factors which may be contributing to their career.

The figures used here combined two years’ of survey data.

Employment and Further Study  
97% of graduates from this level and School were either employed (including self-employment) or in further study. This excludes graduates who were travelling, caring for others or retired.

Highly Skilled Employment and Further Study  
89% of graduates from this level and School were in highly skilled employment or further study. This refers to graduates who were in either employment or further study and for those in employment shows the percentage that were in “highly skilled” employment. This is often referred to as “graduate level” employment and consists of jobs which tend to be in more senior positions or those which need a professional training to obtain. A job is defined as “Highly Skilled” if it has a standard occupational classification of between 1 and 3.

Find out more about highly skilled employment at the Office of National Statistics website (https://www.ons.gov.uk/methodology/classificationsandstandards/standardoccupatio nalclassificationssoc).
**Graduate Insights**

These three charts look at graduates’ reflections on whether what they are doing fits in with their current plans, is meaningful and uses skills they developed on their course.

- **Activity is meaningful**
  - 84.2% of graduates find their activity meaningful.

- **Activity fits in with future plans**
  - 79.6% of graduates believe their activity aligns with their future plans.

- **Activity uses skills from course**
  - 66.3% of graduates feel their activity utilizes the skills developed on their course.
Employer names

Some of employers that previous graduates have gone on to work for include: The City of Edinburgh Council, Fife Council, Midlothian Council.

Job titles

To give you an idea of some of the jobs previous graduates have gone onto there is a word cloud below showing some common job titles for graduates from this School (please note this is taken from a free text box in the survey so there may be typos).
Salary
The chart below shows salary information for graduates from this School and level who responded to the Graduate Outcomes survey and were working in the UK.

Salary Bands

1. <18,777: 10.99%
2. 18,777 - 24,983: 15.6%
3. 24,983 - 33,158: 53.21%
4. 33,158 - 44,992: 15.6%
5. >44,992: 3.67%

Keep in mind that regardless of what other graduates have done before you, your future is up to you. The Careers Service can help you get there:
www.ed.ac.uk/careers

Read more about the Graduate Outcomes survey here:
www.graduateoutcomes.ac.uk

The information in this report is taken from the Graduate Outcomes Survey of graduates which takes place 15 months after graduation. The information in this report shows results from two years of surveying. Year one surveyed graduates whose course ended between 1st August 2017 and 31st July 2018, year two surveyed graduates whose course ended between 1st August 2018 and 31st July 2019. Data is provided at School rather than course level to ensure compliance with GDPR guidance.