

Career Exploration for Humanities Ph.D.'s with Career Compass

As a Ph.D. student, you have **diverse transferable skills and strengths** beyond your research and teaching that are highly valued in many different career fields. With your advanced training and the depth of your strengths, you can find a wide range of rewarding career opportunities outside of academia.

Visit Career Compass, a new Princeton website to help you explore a wide range of career paths outside of academia and connect with opportunities and alumni who can help you along the way. While Career Compass offers 60+ different career fields to explore, here are six major career areas that connect with humanities Ph.D. candidates' common core skills and interests.

If You Like Writing and Editing...

Explore the **Communications** field, which focuses on creating knowledge and information to educate and influence others. Key skills required in this field are research, writing and verbal skills, analytical thinking and creativity.

Princeton alumni pursue careers in:

- **Journalism, Writing and Editing** as editorial project managers, digital editors, grant or proposal writers, speech writers and medical writers.
- **Media Management** as digital media managers, media editors, social media analysts.
- **Public Relations and Marketing** as copywriters, public affairs officers and market research analysts.

If You Like Teaching and Advising...

Consider a career in **Education**. The most common pathway in education is teaching, but alumni also pursue various administrative careers including but not limited to technology, student affairs, admissions, libraries, and policy across **PreK-12** to **Higher Education**.

Princeton alumni in **Education** pursue diverse careers such as:

- Program directors/coordinators, administrators (deans, principals, superintendents, chiefs of staff), teachers, professors, lecturers, academic advisers, librarians, education policy researchers, development/advancement officers and strategic partnership officers.

If You Like Working Creatively...

Discover various possibilities in the **Visual, Performance & Fine Arts, Architecture & Design**, and **Media and Entertainment**. These fields often focus on planning and design, project management, performance, content creation and production, managing and curating, outreach and education, and promotion.

Princeton alumni pursue careers in:

- **Creative Writing, Dance, Fashion, Museum Management & Curation, Music, Theater**, and **Visual Arts** as actors, writers, filmmakers, grant writers, dancers, choreographers, artistic/creative directors, editors, curators and program directors.
- **Architecture & Design** as architects, architectural designers, real estate portfolio managers.
- **Film, Television, & Talent, Sports and Video Game Production** as screenwriters, directors and producers, media content creators, athletic directors and managers.



If You Like Project Management...

Consider **Business, Consulting, Entrepreneurship** and **Technology**, where you can solve complex problems, help organizations grow and become more efficient using data, manage various business functions including staffing and operations and to bring leadership and service together to make direct impacts.

Princeton alumni pursue careers in:

- **Business** as operations managers, talent development managers, human resources consultants, data and policy analysts, business development officers, innovation strategists, product managers and portfolio managers.
- **Consulting** as management consultants, sales directors, environmental specialists, data scientists, project managers, business analysts and scenario developers.
- **Entrepreneurship** as CEOs, founders/co-founders, principals, CTOs, presidents, executive directors, director of research and heads of data science.
- **Technology** as user experience (UX) researchers and product managers.

If You Like Civic Engagement & Social Change...

Explore career options in **Advocacy & Activism, Law, Social Impact**, and **Sustainability**. Professionals in these fields are often driven by their desire to make positive changes in society, to champion for social causes and by a passion for the well-being of the environment and humanity. Many careers in these fields can be found in **Nonprofit Organizations**.

Princeton alumni pursue careers in:

- **Advocacy & Activism** as campaign managers, program coordinators and nonprofit directors.
- **Law** as attorneys, patent agents, public defenders, legal directors, legal analysts and assistant U.S. attorneys.
- **Social Impact** as humanitarian affairs officers, Operations Managers, Advancement and Engagement Officers, Research Analysts.
- **Sustainability** as Environmental Analysts, Agricultural Water /Air / Zero Waste Quality Specialists, Director of Operations, Environmental Engineers, and Project Managers.

If You Like Public Policy & Government...

Look into a career with the **Government & Public Service**. Careers in this sector span across diverse fields and interests, with a focus on addressing diverse international and domestic public policy issues to improve and build community relations and promote social good.

Princeton alumni pursue diverse careers such as:

- Political consultants, ambassadors, diplomats, foreign service officers, public affairs officers, policy and industry analysts and lobbyists.



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