Career Options after History

What is History?

History is one of the Humanities. It is a discipline that explores the past to understand the present. The UTSC history curriculum:
- Spans history from antiquity to present and from all parts of the world (North America, Africa, Europe, South and East Asia).
- Covers topics on colonialism, relationship between men and women, religion, the environment, urbanization, immigration, race, ethnicity and material culture.
- Emphasizes critical reading, research and writing skills.

Entry-Level Jobs for Bachelor Grads

Common employment destinations include:
- Interpreter or Administrator in Museums
- Foreign Service Officer in Federal Government
- Market Research Analyst in Corporations
- Public Relations Consultant in Non-Profits
- Editor or Copywriter in Publishing
- Underwriter in Insurance
- Political Aide in Government
- Communications Assistant in Marketing
- Risk Analyst in Security Agencies
- Human Resources Associate in Recruiting
- Blogger, Journalist or Reporter in Media

The Career Directory: www.canadastop100.com/tcd

Skills of History Grads

- Analyze ideas/information
- Develop cross cultural awareness
- Employ interdisciplinary research methodology
- Evaluate historical data
- Observe and compare people/data/things
- Recognize patterns in historical events
- Synthesize a large amount of information
- Understand/interpret the present and past
- Write and present information clearly

Graduate & Professional Studies

Popular further education opportunities include:
- History – Master of Arts
- Information/Library Science – Master
- Education – Bachelor or Master
- Public Service – Master
- Law School – JD (Juris Doctor)
- Paralegal Studies – Diploma
- Human Resources – Certificate (earning CHRP)
- Marketing – Post-Graduate Certificate

Use LinkedIn!

UTSC History graduates are working in Education, Media, and Program Management.

Attend our LinkedIn workshop to learn about the Find Alumni tool for networking!

History Grads from UTSC have gone on to:
- Ontario Shores (Human Resources)
- Parliament of Canada (Community Outreach)
- Toronto Public Library (Librarian)

What makes History at UTSC unique?
The opportunity to study history in a globally-oriented, truly interdisciplinary department where you can get full credit towards your program for also taking courses on international relations, Asian diaspora, global food culture, and comparative law!
Examples of Fields that ‘Fit’ the Skills of History Grads

- Libraries, Archives, Museums
- Publishers (Magazines, Newspapers)
- Insurance Agents and Brokers
- Universities, Colleges, School boards
- Government (Federal, Provincial, Regional, Municipal)
- Public Relations, Advertising Agencies
- Education
- Law / Legal Services

Your 4-Year Career Exploration Action Plan

1. **Do Your Research**

   The databases below provide you with details about job prospects, nature of work, educational requirements, working conditions, pay and related career paths:
   - **Career Cruising**: Log into cln.utoronto.ca, click on Resources, and click on Career Cruising to be logged in automatically.
   - **O*Net**: online.onetcenter.org (U.S. site)

   Attend our workshop **Discover Your Skills and Career Options**, meet with a Career Counsellor, and use our resources to get to know your skills, values, personality and interests: www.utsc.utoronto.ca/aacc/get-know-yourself

   Use the advice on our tip sheets for gathering info: www.utsc.utoronto.ca/aacc/tipsheets
   - Information Interviews
   - Working On-Campus
   - Internships
   - Volunteering

2. **Explore Career Options & Get Experience**

   Gain exposure to your options in the world of work and make connections while you’re a student via campus events and programs listed on cln.utoronto.ca and ccr.utoronto.ca:
   - Extern Job Shadowing
   - In the Field
   - Explore It! (course-based)
   - Partners in Leadership (4th year students)
   - iLead, uLead, weLead (Dep’t of Student Life)
   - Employer Information Sessions
   - Career & Volunteer Fairs
   - Departmental Student Association Events

   Apply for Work Study jobs in CLN in Fall and Spring! You might also find work via www.scsu.ca/jobs.

   Find networking opportunities, internship programs and entry-level jobs via websites like www.talentegg.ca and www.charityvillage.ca.

   As an upper year student (14+ credits), attend UTSC’s **Get Hired Conference** and participate in Jobs for Grads.

   As a graduate, explore internships and other trainee programs like www.careeredge.ca

3. **Build Your Network**

   Explore **Professional Associations** and get involved: volunteer for their events and conferences, and get to know people in your industry of interest. These are your future mentors, supervisors and colleagues!

   - **Canadian Historical Association** – www.cha-shc.ca
   - **American Historical Association** – www.historians.org
   - **Canadian Library Association** – www.cla.ca
   - **Association of Canadian Archivists** – www.archivists.ca
   - **Canadian Museums Association** – www.museums.ca
   - **The Heritage Foundation of Canada** – heritagecanada.org

   Other associations and websites for finding networking opportunities and experience include:
   - **Canadian Heritage Information Network** – rcip-chin.gc.ca
   - **Canadian Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences** – ideas-idees.ca

Please note: This document is a starting point for your further research into career options in this field of study. For more information on this program and course requirements, please visit the departmental website found on the front of this