Public Sector Career Possibilities

The government is one of the largest employers of students with training and degrees in history and related fields.

Executive Branch

- In cabinet-level departments and in independent organizations within the federal government: Analyzing policy performance, long-range trends, etc
- Preserving, editing, and organizing public and institutional records

Legislative Branch

- In the historical offices of state legislatures, the Senate, and the United States House of Representatives:
- Performing staff and committee investigations Serving on study commissions

Judicial Branch

- In the United States Supreme Court Curator's Office and various historical offices, projects, and regulatory agencies:
- Collecting and preserving records Analyzing policy
- Writing reports and various office correspondence

Military Services

Working in areas of policy history, oral history, public administration, cultural resource management, genealogy, and family history, public works, land-use management, urban history and development, demographic history, environmental history, archaeological projects, etc.

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Non-Profit Sector Career Possibilities

In addition to the appointments within the United States government, the non-profit sector offers a wide array of professional positions in research, administration, education, and exhibition design. Many historians hold appointments and work in fundraising for these organizations:

Historical commissions, associations, and societies, scholarly and professional organizations, galleries and museums, colleges and universities, research foundations and institutional "think tanks," service institutions, other philanthropic organizations that provide educational, social, and cultural services to the public.

 Performing research and analysis for companies that specialize in the purchasing, issuing, and selling of corporate equity (such as brokerage firms and investment banking houses)

Communications

investment services

- Researching and writing historical documentaries and narratives
- Providing information and archival services to motion picture firms, networks, cable television companies, and digital media

Journalism

- Researching historical records Interviewing with oral history techniques
- Writing and editing for newspapers, news, trade, and professional (scholarly) journals, historical and popular periodicals and magazines, textbooks, books, and new media

Marketing and Advertising, Publishing, Public Relations

- Researching and analyzing public trends
- Presenting clients' activities based on historical interpretation
- Managing company archives

Manufacturing

- Analyzing markets, finances, economics, and political risk over time
- Training staff in corporate history and foreign cultures through diversity and multiculturalism workshops

Industries in General

- Performing analysis studies
- Writing public relations, educational materials, and corporate communications
- Managing archives and information retrieval services

Mineral Extraction Industries

Career Possibilities in Education

If teaching is what you would like to do, appointments can be found in:

- Public and private elementary and secondary schools Community colleges
- Small and large undergraduate and graduate colleges and universities

Career Possibilities with Small Firms and Independent Enterprises

If you have the entrepreneurial spirit and wish to get involved with a small firm or start one of your own, fields where a history major will come in handy include the following:



- Analyzing political risk and key political figures with reference to economic implications for business
- Researching claims and geographical and landuse history

Utilities

 Reviewing local issues and concerns Carrying out policy and management studies Performing historical analysis