

Global Occupations with Sport Science

- Performance analyst
- Data analyst
- Sports governance
- Research executive
- Commercial analyst
- Business development officer
- Sport development officer
- Sports coach
- Sports administrator
- Exercise physiologist
- Sport therapist



Global Labour Market Information

Whilst roles in the Sport and Leisure industry can be found all over the world, there are some nations which have in recent years heavily invested in this area to improve public health and diversify the country's economy, and many which continue to do so.

For example, China is aiming to build a sports and leisure industry worth over \$800 billion per year by 2025 (globalsportsjobs.com).



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The following countries are growing their Sport and Leisure industries and have up-and-coming sports markets, with new opportunities emerging across a range of roles and organisations:

- The Middle East (including Abu Dhabi, Qatar and Saudi Arabia)
- Malaysia
- China
- Singapore
- Indonesia
- India
- Central Asia
- Latin America

Global job opportunities are particularly strong at sports agencies, federations and organisations with global reach and ambitions, such as the IOC, FIFA, the NFL, La Liga, the Bundesliga and top European Football clubs. The NBA, for example has a whole business unit dedicated to China, whilst the Bundesliga has offices in Singapore and New York (globalsportsjobs.com).



Alternative opportunities with Sports Science around the world

Your degree will open up many opportunities. Some alternative career areas to consider where your degree would be useful include:

- Event management
- Health promotion
- Teaching
- Youth work
- Fitness centre manager
- Sports therapist
- Nutrition
- Sport and Exercise Psychologist
- Clinical Scientist in cardiac sciences

Some of these will require further or more specialist training. Visit www.prospects.ac.uk for more information on job roles and entry requirements.

You might also want to consider internships, placements and graduate schemes for global organisations, some of which will offer you the opportunity to travel and work abroad, for example: Adidas, Nike, UEFA, Camp America.

The Target Jobs UK 300 graduate employers has an extensive list of recruiters providing opportunities for graduates and is a good place to start your search for a graduate scheme or internship:

https://targetjobs.co.uk/uk300

Developing Global Skills

In the QS 2019 Global Skills Gap report, employers around the world identified a number of transferable skills as being most important when entering into the workplace. In addition to identifying these skills, the report also highlighted which of those skills employers found were most lacking in graduates. The list below shows these in order of 'most likely to be lacking' in a graduate:

- 1. Problem Solving
- 2. Resilience
- 3. Communication
- 4. Creativity
- 5. Data Skills
- 6. Flexibility/ Adaptibility
- 7. Leadership
- 8. Organisational Skills

- 9. Interpersonal Skills
- 10. Teamwork
- 11. Subject Knowledge
- 12. Negotiating Skills
- 13. Language Skills
- 14. Technical Skills
- 15. Commercial Awareness

Whilst employers are happy with the commercial awareness, technical skills and language skills that graduates possess, they feel a lack of skills in problem solving, resilience and communication.

In order to identify which skills you need to improve, take our online skills audit: https://uolcareers.co.uk/skillsassessment/

You can then begin to improve these skills through taking part in a number of employability related activities, all advertised through the Careers and Employability service. The Lincoln Award Global will help you develop these skills, and add an 'international' edge to your progress.

How to get started on your Global Career

There are a number of ways in which you can start to plan for a global career:

- Explore what you can do right now to improve your awareness of other cultures: join a new society, volunteer in a new community and take advantage of our global skills workshops run by the International Careers Adviser.
- If you are in your first or second year, you could research placement options for year 3; many Schools will support you to go abroad and work for a year, then return to University to finish your degree!
- If this isn't an option for you, ask about the Erasmus+ scheme through the Global Opportunities team.
- Research options such as Teaching English Abroad, voluntary projects and internships through organisations like the British Council.

Here are some of the websites we recommend when researching your Global Career:

https://midlandsinternationalgroup.org.uk/useful-links-and-resources https://online.goinglobal.com/ https://targetjobs.co.uk/careers-advice/working-abroad

For more information visit our website at www.uolcareers.co.uk or book one of our 'Global' workshops advertised on our 'Events' page at

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