



CAREERS IN THE ENVIRONMENT: BUILD A GREENER FUTURE

If you want your work to make a real impact, a career focused on the environment might be your path. Environmental professionals work everywhere — from labs and classrooms to boardrooms, forests, and policy centers. Whether you're driven by science, advocacy, or sustainability, there's space for your skills in this growing field.

If you'd like to explore your options or create a career plan, schedule an appointment with your Career Development Coach through Handshake.

FIND YOUR FIT IN ENVIRONMENTAL CAREERS

- **Field & Conservation Work** – Hands-on roles in parks, wildlife, and natural resources.
- **Research & Engineering** – Environmental science, clean energy, data analysis, and innovation.
- **Education & Advocacy** – Teaching, outreach, and nonprofit work focused on sustainability.
- **Policy & Business** – Environmental law, consulting, and corporate sustainability roles.

GAIN EXPERIENCE WHILE YOU STUDY

- **Get involved early.** Internships, part-time jobs, and volunteer work help you test out areas of interest.
- **Mix it up.** Try experiences in labs, nonprofits, and government agencies — environmental work crosses disciplines.
- **Join campus and community initiatives.** Help organize sustainability programs, recycling drives, or local cleanups to build both leadership and technical skills.

EXPLORE CAREER RESOURCES

- [EnvironmentalScience.org](https://www.environmentalscience.org) – Career overviews, education requirements, and industry insights.
- [EcoJobs.com](https://www.ecojobs.com) – Environmental job board with listings from nonprofits, government, and private sectors.
- [EnvironmentalCareer.com](https://www.environmentalcareer.com) – Jobs, internships, and resources in environmental science and policy.
- [Conservation Job Board](https://www.conservationjobboard.org) – Listings for ecology, wildlife, and conservation positions.
- [Trellis](https://www.trellis.com) (formerly GreenBiz) – News and opportunities in sustainable business.
- [USAJobs.gov](https://www.usajobs.gov) – Federal environmental and sustainability positions.

BUILD YOUR NETWORK

- Connect with student organizations focused on sustainability or conservation.
- Attend local and national conferences such as those hosted by the Ecological Society of America or National Wildlife Federation.
- Reach out to alumni working in environmental roles through LinkedIn or your university's network.

QUICK TIP

Environmental careers are evolving quickly — renewable energy, climate resilience, and green technology are creating new jobs every year. Stay curious, keep learning, and remember that even small efforts can lead to big change.