

# Global Occupations with Animal Behaviour and Welfare

- Animal nutritionist
- Animal physiotherapist
- Animal technician
- Nature conservation officer
- Zookeeper
- Zoologist
- Charity officer
- Ecologist
- Environmental consultant
- Field trials officer
- Research scientist (life sciences)
- Sales executive
- Science writer
- · Veterinary nurse
- Volunteer coordinator



# Global Labour Market Information

These projects are popular with those interested in careers working with animals. The programmes typically involve working in shelters, surgeries and centres alongside vets and rehabilitation staff.

Malaysia and Africa are popular countries to travel to where you will gain experience of local wildlife and learn skills from resident professionals.





### Global Labour Market Information

If you would relish the chance to work with animals abroad, visit the following specialist websites:

- A Broader View volunteers- Sea Turtle Conservation: https://www.abroaderview.org/programs/sea-turtle-conservation
- African Conservation Experience: https://conservationafrica.net/
- Gapyear.com-Volunteering with animals: https://www.gapyear.com/volunteering/animals
- Global Vision International: https://www.gvi.co.uk/volunteer-abroad/animal-care
- Pod Volunteer- Animal volunteer work: https://www.podvolunteer.org/project-type/animals



### Alternative industries/roles

Employers include animal charities, who may focus on welfare, training, rescue, conservation, rehoming or campaigning. Many organisations combine several or all of these strands, and may offer hands-on opportunities in general animal care. Scientific organisations like pharmaceutical companies or medical research companies may employ graduates to care for animals in laboratories. Zoos and sanctuaries are common employers, as are international welfare organisations who campaign, fundraise and protect animals worldwide.

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 www.uolcareers.co.uk/events.



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