

What do maths students do after their course?



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I have a place on a graduate programme in technology risk. I originally discovered this area whilst applying for internships in second year and then through a Women in Technology placement within the company.

I didn't know what area I wanted to go into even whilst applying for internships. I just knew the areas I didn't want to work in – including statistics-based roles – and went from there.

Through a summer job and volunteering, I knew I wanted to try and help people wherever I can. Plus, being part of a generation who grew up with computers and tech, I figured that would be a good place to start looking.

I used the careers service to complete the Bristol Plus Award which included short talks on writing a CV, interview skills and using LinkedIn. Google was my best friend for finding roles to apply for.

## What career advice would you give to a student preparing to graduate?

Don't take a role if you aren't sure you want it. A couple of my friends have found out their grad programme has a clause where they cannot leave the company whilst completing their qualification unless they pay for it. Take time to figure out what is best for you and don't be afraid to turn down something if it doesn't feel right.

Find out more at [bristol.ac.uk/maths/careers](https://bristol.ac.uk/maths/careers)

## What career advice would you give to a first or second-year student?

Figure out what makes you different from everyone else applying for a job – any volunteering that you do, or committee positions held - and use that to sell yourself or answer interview questions. If you get an interview try to research the company, see if they have been in the news recently or anything about the area you're going into. Every interview I've had has involved this in some way.