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## EXPLORE TÖISSÄ.FI – WHERE ARE GRADUATES FROM HIGHER EDUCATION PLACED IN THE LABOUR MARKET?

### Why?

Many students are unsure of the kinds of jobs graduates from their degree programme or faculty get. The Töissä.fi service is a national website for students of universities and universities of applied sciences. It provides data derived from career monitoring surveys about the career placement of graduates.

The website offers information about the kinds of jobs and roles graduates in your field have, which allows you to broaden your perspective of your career prospects. The service also has data about the employment rate, salary level and employers in different fields as well as short career stories in which people describe their work and what it requires.

### How?

[On Töissä.fi website](#), you can search for information about the following:

- The job titles graduates in the field have: **Working life**
- Career stories by graduates: **Work stories**
- The degrees people with a certain job title have: **Career paths**

The Töissä.fi service is available in Finnish, English and Swedish, but the English and Swedish versions are more limited than the Finnish. The service will be of the most use to you if you can use the service in Finnish or if you use a translation tool. If you use the Töissä.fi service in English, you will first have to look up the name of your major subject or degree programme in Finnish.

The service lists the job titles in the form the respondents themselves gave them, so they can be in different languages. The career stories are also available in the language they were given in, so there are also some stories in English and Swedish.

### How to search for information

#### 1. Career placement

- Select the section 'Working life' on the Töissä.fi front page. Scroll down to the search field and type in your major subject or degree programme. You can also look at related fields that come up when you only type in part of your search term. In this case, the search engine will automatically provide several options.
- When you select a field of education, you will see a sector graph displaying all the jobs and job titles that are filed under the field in question. You can look at the jobs by section (e.g.,



planning, development or administrative duties; teaching and training; research or development; etc.).

- Below the graph are statistics of graduate employment in the field, monthly salaries and employer sectors (e.g., corporations, government and municipalities).

## 2. Work stories

- When you search for information about a specific field, you will not only see career placement data, but also stories where graduates with a degree in the field describe their work. Graduates usually describe their typical workday, the skills they need in their work, and the studies they have found the most useful. They also share their tips for people interested in similar positions.

## 3. Career paths

- In the 'Career paths' section, you can explore what people with different job titles have studied. If you have a specific job title in mind and want to find out what people with that job title have studied, this section will provide the answers. Whereas jobs with specific qualification requirements (e.g., pharmacist, special class teacher or social worker) naturally have people from a narrower educational background, some jobs (e.g., consultant or project manager) have people from a variety of fields.

### Questions to consider

Depending on your interests, explore the Töissä.fi service by your major subject, degree programme, minor subjects or fields related to your own field and consider the following:

- What did you note when you looked at the job titles? What about the job sections?
- Was there a job title (or titles) that particularly piqued your interest? What was it or what were they?
- What did you note when you looked at the employment statistics, salary scale or employer sectors?
- What kinds of skills and competence areas were highlighted in the work stories of graduates working in positions that interest you?
- What studies had proven useful in these positions?
- What other thoughts did you have about your career options?

**Tip:** Use any interesting job titles and data you discovered on the Töissä.fi service to search for further information. For example, if you want to know which organisations have people with a certain job title, type the job title in Google or LinkedIn and see what comes up.