

Pacific and Asian Studies

5 simple ways to explore your career options

Need help with one of the tips below? Stop by room 110 of the Campus Services Building to meet with one of our career educators. We can help you plan your next step, whether that means looking for work related to your degree or researching graduate or professional school.

1. Network

Share your career goals and interests with your friends, family, professors and acquaintances. You never know who might have a lead on a job opportunity in your field! Check out www.uvic.ca/coopandcareer/journeykit for more networking tips.

2. Get involved

Try something new—join the co-op program, volunteer, try a unique hobby—and pick up some new skills. These adventures could lead to future job opportunities. Not sure where to start? Here are a few ideas:

Volunteer opportunities posted at UVic
learninginmotion.uvic.ca

Volunteer opportunities across Canada
www.govolunteer.ca

Volunteer opportunities in Victoria
www.volunteervictoria.bc.ca

UVSS clubs and course unions
uvss.uvic.ca

3. Understand your competencies

Every life experience helps you build competencies—knowledge, skills and attributes—that can help you stand out to employers. You can work with a career educator to identify and develop these competencies:

The ten core competencies (these can be used in almost any workplace)

- Personal management
- Communication
- Managing information
- Research and analysis
- Project and task management
- Teamwork
- Commitment to quality
- Professional behaviour
- Social responsibility
- Continuous learning

Some of your program-specific competencies for Pacific and Asian Studies

- Communicate effectively in Chinese
- Communicate effectively in Japanese
- Communicate effectively in Indonesian-Malay
- Demonstrate a wide knowledge of the histories, cultures and societies of the Pacific-Asia region
- Demonstrate knowledge of Chinese history, culture and society
- Demonstrate knowledge of Japanese history, culture and society
- Demonstrate knowledge of Southeast Asian history, culture and society
- Critically read works of literature and describe how literary texts generate meaning

Want to learn more? Visit www.uvic.ca/coopandcareer/competencykit for details about your core and program-specific competencies. You can also learn about **professional competencies** that are valued by employers in your specific industry.



4. Research your options and set your career goals

What do you want to do after graduation? Explore the resources at www.uvic.ca/coopandcareer/journeykit to research career paths that match your goals and interests. Want to learn about the current labour market? Visit www.workingincanada.gc.ca.

Popular Pacific and Asian Studies jobs

- Trade officer
- Reporter/journalist
- Legal professional
- Tourism analyst
- Aid worker
- Intelligence officer
- Writer
- Editor
- Publisher
- Conservation officer
- Cultural programmer
- Negotiator
- Office administrator
- Public relations officer
- Marketing officer
- Policy analyst
- Teacher/professor
- Foreign service worker

Want to know what jobs are possible after graduation and what jobs will require further study or training? Make an appointment with a career educator to discuss your possible career path.

Professional bodies associated with Pacific and Asian Studies

These are just a handful of the professional groups connected to your industry. Visit www.workingincanada.gc.ca, www.workfutures.bc.ca, and www.careercruising.com for more.

Social Sciences and Humanities Council of Canada
www.sshrc.ca

Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences
www.fedcan.ca

Canadian Museums Association
www.museums.ca

National Humanities Alliance (US)
www.nhalliance.org

Job posting resources for Pacific and Asian Studies jobs

This is just a sample and is not comprehensive. Want more? Visit us in room 110 of the Career Services Building or check out www.workingincanada.gc.ca, www.workfutures.bc.ca, and www.careercruising.com.

Eluta
www.eluta.ca

Work in Culture
www.workinculture.ca

H-net Jobs
www.h-net.org/jobs

Media Job Search
www.mediajobsearchcanada.com

Education Canada
www.educationcanada.com

Charity Village
www.charityvillage.com

5. Prepare for your job search

Once you're ready to look for work, stop by room 110 of the Campus Services Building for help with your résumé, cover letter and interview skills. You can also check out job preparation resources at www.uvic.ca/coopandcareer/toolkit.

- Learn how we can help at www.uvic.ca/coopandcareer
- Apply for jobs and more at learninginmotion.uvic.ca

