

Job Title: Archaeologist

Meet Nelson

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Job title: Archaeologist	Archaeologists learn about the past by studying sites and excavating, classifying, recording and preserving objects.
Entry requirements:	Most professional archaeologists have a degree, and many also have a postgraduate qualification. You can do degree courses in archaeology, as well as those specialising in different aspects of the work, like: • conservation • environmental archaeology • human evolution • forensic investigation • archaeological science You can search for courses on British Archaeological Jobs and Resources. Entry requirements You'll usually need: • 2 to 3 A levels, or equivalent, for a degree • a degree in a relevant subject for postgraduate study You may be able to do an archaeological specialist degree apprenticeship. Entry requirements You'll usually need: • 4 or 5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 and A levels, or equivalent, for a degree apprenticeship
Skills required:	You'll need: • an interest and knowledge of history • knowledge of sociology and anthropology for understanding society and culture • knowledge of English language • knowledge of geography • to be thorough and pay attention to detail • excellent verbal communication skills • analytical thinking skills • excellent written communication skills • to be able to carry out basic tasks on a computer or hand-held device
What you'll do:	Your day-to-day duties will depend on your specialist area, but could include: • identifying possible sites to study using aerial photography, field-walking and surveying • taking part in excavations or digs • recording finds and sites using photography, detailed notes and drawings • identifying and classifying finds • cleaning and preserving finds in a laboratory • using laboratory analysis like carbon-dating • using computers to produce simulations of the way a site or artefact would have looked • preserving industrial artefacts and buildings • checking planning applications and identifying the impact of development on archaeological sites • making sure important sites, buildings and monuments are protected • classifying, displaying and looking after artefacts in a museum

What you'll earn:	• Starter: £17,000 • Experienced: £40,000 <i>These figures are a guide.</i>
Working hours, patterns and environment:	You could work in an office or in a museum. Your working environment may be outdoors some of the time. Approximately 40 hours a week (you may work during weekends and / or evenings)
Career path and progression:	You may find it useful to join a professional body like the Chartered Institute of Archaeologists. With experience, you may be able to progress to a senior role like site supervisor or director. You could also specialise in teaching or preservation.