

Get to know your dream work

Research activity

Key into the information sources for the location/s in which you would like to live and work. Over a six-month period, track opportunities that interest you. Read the local headlines and find out what work is available. Look up organisations with which you would like to work and check their websites on a regular basis.

The following questions relate to a graduate work. Tailor these questions for your own use.

- How many opportunities did you find over the six-month period?
- Where were they?
- What were the salary ranges?
- Now consider your favourite opportunity:
- What is the average salary in that location?
- How much would it cost to live there? (Look up cost of living in that location)
- What other expenses would you have? (For example, travel)
- How many people applied for the opportunity? (Call and ask as part of your research!)
- Find out what experience successful applicants possessed.
- Finally, map out what steps you need to take in order to reach your dream work. Consider each step as a rung on a ladder and take it one step at a time.

Make it count!

Contact the person who secured your favourite opportunity and ask whether you could meet for coffee. Ask about the person's experience and drive and seek advice about what you will need to do to reach your goal. Ask whether there are opportunities to volunteer and whether a mentoring relationship is possible.

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