Introduction

Employers in the energy sectors include some of the biggest and most profitable companies in the world, household names with multi-billion pound profits. Given the importance of energy provision in the modern world, companies within the sector are always keen to attract talented graduates. Of particular interest are graduates with particularly high levels of technical and scientific knowledge, with a postgraduate or professional qualification in a relevant area of study seen as an advantage, and sometimes a requirement. A mixture of office and site based work is normal, but this can involve working in remote locations, not always viewed as desirable, for extended periods of time. Salaries in the sector do tend to be high though, in part as a result of this.

Despite the seeming differences between the Renewable Energy and Oil and Gas sectors, it would be incorrect to view them as entirely separate entities. In fact, in an attempt to improve their public image, and to ensure that their company is seen to be at the forefront of the move towards more environmentally friendly means of energy provision, it is often the big oil companies who are investing the most money into renewable energy, and as a result who have the largest number of roles available in this area. Opportunities within risk assessment and management, and consultancy are also growing rapidly within the sector.

Opportunities in traditional areas such as financial management, human resources and marketing also exist for those with a less technically minded skill set.

General Resources

BP
The careers section of BP’s website features details of their graduate schemes, internships, diversity programmes and upcoming events.
What we like: As well as hosting overviews of the different roles available at BP (and other similar companies) it has a useful “degree matcher” tool, which allows you to put in details of your degree programme, and get matched to a role that would suit your skills.
Note: All the large energy companies tend to have useful careers information on their pages. In the interests of space, we haven’t included them all, and BP is a particularly good example, but do look at others.

Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
www.gov.uk/defra
Government department with overall responsibility for policy decisions in areas such as climate change and biodiversity.
What we like: Little in the ways of careers related information featured on the website, but in an industry as potentially controversial as this it’s important to keep on top of the political mood.

Earth Science Jobs
www.earthscience-jobs.com
Large jobs website for opportunities within the Earth Science sector.

Earthworks-jobs
www.earthworks-jobs.com
Vacancies website with a section dedicated to positions in the Oil & Gas industry.

GradCracker
www.gradcracker.com
One of the leading careers websites for students looking for science, engineering and technology roles. Features a wide range of graduate opportunities and internships; search under the “Materials and Minerals” category for Oil and Gas roles.
What we like: The GradCracker toolkit (also available as a hard copy from the Careers Service’s Library) features lots of useful information on careers research, applications and interviews. It also has sector guides, with one on Energy and five separate ones for Oil and Gas.

Green Energy Career Guide
http://www.greenenergyjobs.com/career-guide/
Contains detailed overviews of the main sectors within the renewable energy sector, and potential opportunity for jobs within these.

Institution of Agricultural Engineers
www.iagre.org
The professional body for technologically based professionals in agricultural industries.
What we like: The IAgrE’s website contains advice about whether a career as an agricultural engineer is for you, as well as information about training providers and sponsorship opportunities, diversity programmes and a jobs board.

My Oil and Gas Career
www.myoilandgascareer.com
Contains useful information about whether a career in the industry would be suited to you, with case studies and career planners giving a flavour of what jobs consist of on a day-to-day basis.
What we like: Assumes no prior knowledge of the sector, so provides a good starting point for research. Also features information on non-technical roles available to graduates.

Oil Careers
www.oilcareers.com/worldwide
Official vacancy site for the oil and gas industry which allows you to search by the type of work you’re looking to do within the industry. Also features an online “community,” with blog posts and industry specific advice on CVs and interviews.
Prospects – Energy and Utilities
http://www.prospects.ac.uk/energy_utilities_sector.htm
This section of the Prospects website features an overview of
the Energy sector, and why it’s so important, and details the
roles available within them and how best to get one.

Reed Energy
www.reed.co.uk/energy
Reed’s website has a large number of energy based roles. It
also allows you to narrow your search down so as to be quite
specific, and features jobs in both the Oil & Gas and
Renewable Energy sectors.

Renewables Careers
http://www.renewablescareers.com/
Worldwide jobs board for the renewable energy sector. Search
by type of position or location.

Renewable Energy Jobs
www.renewableenergyjobsuk.com
Job site, with positions available across all areas of the
renewable energy sector.

Rigzone
www.rigzone.com
Rigzone features news stories about the oil and gas industry,
and hosts a directory of companies, which can be sorted by
sector. It also has a comprehensive jobs board, with vacancies
both in the UK and worldwide.

Total
Total is a leading global energy company, and has a lot of
graduate positions as a result. Their careers website features
videos, application advice, and vacancies.

Trovit Jobs
www.jobs.trovit.co.uk/
Jobs listing site with a range of technical, scientific and
environmental positions.

King’s CareerConnect
www.kcl.ac.uk/careerconnect
King’s CareerConnect is our exclusive online career portal
enabling students and recent alumni to engage with our
services. Once logged in, you can access our vacancy board
and search hundreds of part-time roles, placements, internships
and graduate-level opportunities, book one-to-one careers or
application guidance appointments, apply for exclusive King’s
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