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Career Advancement

Graduates can obtain employment across a variety of sectors that intersect with sustainability and sustainable development, including jobs in public service at the local, state, or federal level in all areas related to the environment (e.g., watershed management coordinators, state natural resource departments, and sustainability directors for cities across the United States, analysts and scientists at governmental agencies such as the U.S. Department of Agriculture or the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Graduates may find employment in the private sector as consultants for industries seeking to improve the sustainability of their operations and processes (e.g., sustainable supply chain, waste management, minimization, and sustainability reporting, metric development, and management).

Graduates are better qualified for positions in the private sector including chief sustainability officer, director of sustainability, and sustainability project manager or coordinator. Opportunities also exist for careers in global development, working internationally with nongovernmental organizations (NGOs), and other organizations that strive to advance sustainable development goals worldwide, particularly in resource-constrained areas of the developing world. In addition, degree recipients are well-positioned to pursue additional graduate studies toward a PhD, MBA, or JD degree.