

Business managers can operate in a range of businesses in a variety of roles, from general management to management in particular areas of the business. Consulting, on the other hand, typically involves giving advice and offering external specialist expertise to various organisations. Consulting firms can offer general consulting services, strategy or specialise in a particular industry. Management consulting is a popular option for students and tends to offer many graduate jobs.

You may also like to [explore related sector guides](#), including [accountancy, banking and finance](#).

Find out more about the sector

To find out about the graduate business management and consulting market it is worth checking out the [Prospects business, consulting and management guide](#), [TARGETjobs management and business](#), or [Inside Careers management consultancy](#).

At the start of every autumn term we run the [Investment Banking and Management Consultancy evening](#). As well as talks and presentations, the evening gives you a chance to meet employers and find out exactly what they're looking for.

It's also helpful to know what the current issues and trends in the sector are. Here is a selection of websites which may help you build your current awareness of business management and consulting:

- [Management Consulting News](#)
- [Guardian business](#)
- [Bloomberg Business Week](#)
- [Financial Times](#)
- [The Times business](#)

You can also [talk to alumni](#) working in this sector to get unique insights and advice.

Consultancy is a popular area for PhD graduates as they tend to have many of the required skills. However, you will need to demonstrate a commitment to the field through relevant work experience or participation in activities such as [Enactus](#) or the [Bristol Consulting Society](#). It is also a good idea to talk to consultants at employer presentations and careers fairs. The [Transitioning from PhD to consulting](#) from UCL may also be helpful.

Case interviews

Case interviews require a candidate to try and resolve a situation, problem or challenge. These are used by management consulting employers who are looking to evaluate analytical ability and problem-solving skills. Here are some ways of preparing for a case interview:

- Look at the [books available at the Careers Service](#). These include *Case Interview Secrets* and the *Case in Point: Complete Case Interview Preparation*. Books can be loaned for up to two days.
- [Case Interview](#) is produced by Victor Cheng, a former McKinsey case interviewer. His website offers a free 6-hour case interview video tutorial, after registration.
- [Management Consulting Case Interviews](#) offer free access to example case interview questions. Please be aware, to view the solutions, a subscription is required. Free sample case interviews are available too.
- [Ace the Case](#) has three sample case interview questions, with possible solutions.

Professional bodies

Professional bodies are the representatives and promoters of a profession. They can be a great source of advice, current awareness and often provide training and qualifications. Here are the key bodies in business management and consulting:

- [Association for Project Management \(APM\)](#)
- [The Chartered Management Institute \(CMI\)](#)
- [Institute of Consulting \(IoC\)](#)
- [The Chartered Institute of Management Consultants \(CIMC\)](#)
- [International Professional Managers Association \(IPMA\)](#)
- [Management Consultancies Association \(MCA\)](#)

Who has employed Bristol graduates?

The following roles and employers have been sampled from recent graduates and the [LinkedIn Find Alumni](#) tool. These are just a snapshot of the roles and companies Bristol graduates are employed in:

Role	Company
Management Consultant	PwC
Business Development Manager	Stephenson Personal Care
Senior Consultant	Deloitte
Business and Community Development	upmysport
Business Change Consultant	Thales
Senior Consultant	BCS Consulting
Business Development Manager	Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP
Business Consultant	CGI

Sector vacancy websites

The following websites advertise roles relating to the sector:

- [Ascentpros](#)
- [Graduate-Jobs](#)
- [Mindbench](#)
- [Milkround business and management](#)
- [Milkround consultancy and strategy](#)
- [TARGETjobs](#)