

Anthropologist

What is it?

Anthropologists study human societies, cultures, and their development over time. They explore how people live, communicate, and interact in different parts of the world, both past and present. Their work helps us understand cultural diversity, social structures, and human behaviour, and can influence areas such as education, healthcare, international development, and policymaking.

Qualifications/Experience Required:

You'll usually need a degree in **anthropology** or a related subject such as **archaeology**, **sociology**, or **human geography**. Many roles, especially in research or academia, require a **postgraduate qualification (master's or PhD)**. Gaining experience through volunteering, fieldwork, or internships with museums, charities, or research organisations is highly recommended. Some anthropologists also specialise in areas like **medical anthropology**, **linguistic anthropology**, or **forensic anthropology**.

What the Work Involves:

- Conducting fieldwork and interviews in different communities.
- Observing and recording cultural practices and behaviours.
- Analysing data and writing reports or academic papers.
- Advising organisations on cultural awareness and social impact.
- Teaching or presenting findings at conferences.

Future Prospects – Labour Market Information:

Anthropology is a competitive but rewarding field. With experience, you could work in **universities**, **museums**, **non-governmental organisations (NGOs)**, or **government departments**. Some anthropologists work in **market research**, **international development**, or **corporate consultancy**.

Typical weekly hours – 35 to 40 hours per week.

Though fieldwork may involve longer or irregular hours, including travel and time abroad.

Type of person who may be suited to this job:

- Curious and open-minded about different cultures.
- Strong research and analytical skills.
- Good at communicating and writing clearly.
- Comfortable working independently and in unfamiliar environments.
- Interested in people, history, and

Money/Wage Guide:

- **Starting Salary: £23,000**
- **Experienced Salary: Up to £50,000+ (especially in academia or consultancy)**
- **Average UK Salary (2024):**

Related Opportunities:

- **Sociologist**
- **Archaeologist**
- **Human Geographer**
- **International Aid Worker**

Further Information:

- [Prospects – Anthropology Degree Guide](#)
- [Careerpivot – Anthropologist](#)