You are ready for an ecology career but where do you start?

- Ecology is the science of the interactions of living organisms and people with their environment. This brochure outlines how to search for jobs, important tips for your first job, and the types of careers available.

- To address climate change impacts on all aspects of life, careers that support environmental sustainability are projected to grow.

- Among the top five green jobs are Sustainability Manager (30%), Ecologist (22%), and Environmental Health and Safety Specialist (20%). This is a good time to enter the field.

Source: LinkedIn Global Green Skills Report 2022

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Step 1 Pick a Sector and Level
There are four main sectors to explore
- Academia
- Non-profit/NGO
- Government
- Business and Industry/Private

At three levels
- city
- state
- national/federal

Step 2 Pick a Field / Interest area
Environmental careers include a range of disciplines and interest areas. Select keywords such as:
- Biology, agriculture, chemistry, environmental science, energy, climate, ecology, ecosystem, forestry, geology, sustainability, geospatial, conservation, urban or wildlife

Step 3 Look at Job Titles/Roles
Common job titles include: analyst, biologist, technician, science communicator, manager, data scientist, policy maker/adviser, coordinator, and editor

- Technician/planner/scientist may point to jobs where you need a bachelor's degree
- Consultant/manager/coordinator may point to jobs which need a masters/PhD
- Analyst/statistician may point to jobs heavy in quantitative skills
- Terms like “junior” preceding these titles often point to early career jobs while terms like “senior”/”executive” require supervisory and budget management experience

Putting it all together
Different combinations of job titles and fields can yield different results. Mix and match keywords in your search to find a job that's right for you:

For example
sustainability + technician
conservation + consultant
geospatial + analyst

ADD
sector and level of your choice