

English Literature

Use this tool to discover how you can use your degree, skills and experiences in the workplace.

This is only a starting place – remember to explore all your options.

Skills Developed Through Your Major

- Analyze written material
- Comprehensive command of grammar and vocabulary
- Making oral presentations
- Computer skills
- Writing creatively and concisely
- Editing skills
- Knowledge of the structure and function of language

- Good listening, clarifying, questioning and responding skills
- Understanding of the nature of literature & of the various currents in literary criticism
- Shaping/summarizing general ideas into specific points
- Conduct & clearly explain research results

Recognizing Valuable Assets

- Influencing and persuading
- Problem solving
- Knowledge of genres, authors, periods and critical approaches
- Thinking independently
- Articulate and analytical
- Identify patterns in written material

Sample Job Titles and Fields of Work

Note: Some occupations may require further education or specialized training

- Archivist
- Communications Officer
- Convention Planner
- Copywriter
- Curriculum Planner
- Drama Critic
- Editor
- Foreign Service Officer
- Journalist

- Paralegal
- Publications Coordinator
- Public Education Coordinator
- Publicist
- Radio/Television Broadcaster
- Reading Specialist
- Researcher

- Speech Writer
- Technical Writer
- Training Consultant
- Translator
- Communication Firms
- Government
- Education
- Libraries
- Marketing/Advertising

A Taste of What's Out There

- Social Media
- Digital Communications
- Political/Legal Officer
- Professional Journals
- Media/Public Relations
- Media
- Publishing Firms
- Research/Development

Career Centre Resources

Career Centre Website

trentu.ca/careers - Extensive career development and work search information including tools, links, strategies and assessments.

Trent University Student Job Board

trentu.ca/sep - Look for on- and off-campus opportunities.

Career Resources on myTrent

trentu.ca/mytrent - Access the following resources through myTrent>Support>Student Transitions and Careers

- **Career Cruising and TypeFocus**

Free self-assessments that connect your interests and personality to your career.

- **My World Abroad**

A guide that provides information, strategies, and tips for anyone considering going abroad for work, study or travel.

Great On-Campus Services

Career Counselling and Résumé Critiques

Get feedback in a one-on-one appointment. Book online at trentu.ca/sep.

Career and Work Search Workshops

Register through the Events Calendar at trentu.ca/sep.

Resource Library

Information on career exploration, finding work, and more.

- Great Jobs for English Majors
- The Canadian Writer's Market

Events and Fairs

Your opportunity to meet and network with employers and recruiters on campus.

Professional Associations & Societies

More Than Just a Club!

Professional associations and societies can be effective exploration resources as they provide information about careers, job boards, events and professional development opportunities. These groups can be used for networking, so become familiar with them!

Editors' Association of Canada

editors.ca

Association of Canadian Publishers

publishers.ca

Canadian Authors Association

canadianauthors.org/national

Canadian Media Producers Association

cmpa.ca

The Writers' Union of Canada

writersunion.ca

The Canadian Public Relations Society

cprs.ca

TESL Canada Federation

tesl.ca

Canadian Association of Journalists

caj.ca

International Association of Business Communicators

iabc.com

Writers Guild of Canada

writersguildofcanada.com

Women in Communications and Technology

wct-fct.com

Opportunities

Internships, Careers, Government Programs

Trent University Student Job Board

trentu.ca/sep

Culture Works Youth Internship Program

culturalhrc.ca/YIP/intern-become-e.asp

Media Job Search Canada

mediajobsearchcanada.com

CPRS Employment Opportunities Web Site

cprs.ca/careers

Jeff Gaulin's Journalism Job Board

jeffgaulin.com

Ontario Internship Program

internship.gov.on.ca/mbs/sdb/intern.nsf/

Career Edge

careeredge.ca

Quill and Quire Job Board

quillandquire.com/jobs

Work in Culture

workinculture.ca

International Education and Youth

international.gc.ca/education/index.aspx?lang=eng

Federal Government Jobs

jobs.gc.ca

Provincial Government Jobs

gojobs.gov.on.ca

Charity Village

charityvillage.com

Internship Listings

campusaccess.com

The Canadian Journalism Project

j-source.ca

Get Experience

English Literature at Trent University

trentu.ca/english - Courses, program faculty, news and events, and more department information.

Trent Community Research Centre

trentcentre.ca - Students are matched with local organizations to assist with research, planning and other community development projects for course credit.

Trent University Student Organizations

trentcentral.ca/clubs.php - Get involved in groups that will contribute to learning new skills & gaining a variety of experience.

Get Connected

Develop your network – get advice about careers from alumni and other professionals.

Connection Tools

The Career Centre's tip sheets and workshops on LinkedIn, networking, and marketing yourself at career events.

Mentoring/Networking Programs

Programs and events to help you navigate your career options.

Visit trentu.ca/careers/mentoring