

CAREER AS A HISTORIAN : EVERY STORY HAS A LEGACY



A historian discovers, analyzes, and preserves history.

A historian is someone with expert knowledge of past events. They can have specialized areas of interest within their profession.

A country, a period of time, a piece of art, or even politics—you could be a historian of anything! You could be a historian of a country such as India, a historian of a time period such as the Renaissance, or a historian of art, culture, or music.

If you choose to pursue a career as a historian, here's what your day might look like:

Job Roles



- Archivist
- Museum Curator
- Historian (Academic or Independent)
- Research Analyst
- History Professor/Lecturer
- Heritage Consultant
- Cultural Resource Manager
- Historical Consultant (Film/TV/Media)
- Genealogist
- Policy Advisor (government or NGOs)
- Editor/Writer (history publications)
- Archaeological Assistant
- Tour Guide (historical sites)
- Civil Services Officer (with history optional)
- Content Developer (educational platforms)

- Gather historical data from various sources, including archives, books, and artefacts
- Analyse and interpret historical information to determine its authenticity and significance
- Trace historical developments in a particular field
- Engage with the public through educational programs and presentations
- Archive or preserve materials and artifacts in museums, visitor centers, and historic sites
- Provide advice or guidance on historical topics and preservation issues
- Write reports, articles, and books on findings and theories

However, given all that a historian does, the path to becoming a historian is one that is filled with long hours of study, a passion for everything that mattered, and an eye for how it can influence the future.

Skills:

- Critical thinking
 - Research and analysis
 - Academic writing
 - Communication (oral & written)
 - Archival research
 - Attention to detail
 - Time management
 - Foreign language proficiency (optional but useful)
 - Public speaking and presentation
 - Digital tools (databases, digital archives, GIS)
- Qualifications:**
- Bachelor's degree in History or related field
 - Master's degree (for advanced research, teaching, or curation)
 - PhD (for academic and high-level research roles)
 - Certifications (museum studies, archival science,

Career Prospects

A historian has a diverse range of career prospects depending on their area of specialization, degree level, and interests. Here are some prominent paths:

1. Academia and Research

- Professor or Lecturer
- Researcher
- Author

2. Museums and Archives

- Curator
- Archivist
- Conservator

3. Government and Public Sector

- Cultural Resource Manager
- Policy Advisor
- Foreign Service or Diplomacy

4. Media and Publishing

- Historical Consultant
- Journalist or Editor
- Content Creator

5. Heritage and Tourism

- Tour Guide or Heritage Interpreter
- Travel Writer or Cultural Consultant

6. Corporate and Legal Fields

- Corporate Historian
- Legal Consultant

historical preservation – optional)

- Internships or fieldwork experience (museums, NGOs, universities)

Specialized Certifications & Examinations:

India

- UGC-NET (History)
- UPSC (History optional)
- ICHR Fellowships
- Diplomas: Museology, Archival Science

UK

- MA History
- PGCE (Teaching)
- CfA (Archaeology)
- ARA (Archives)

USA

- GRE + MA/PhD History
- State Teaching Licenses
- Certified Archivist Exam
- Public History Certification

Canada

- MA History
- Provincial Teaching License
- CAHP (Heritage Professionals)
- ACA (Archivists)

Top Colleges:

India

Duration : 3 - 4 Years

Fee per course/annum: Rs.30,000 - Rs.40,000 Per Annum

- Delhi University (DU)
- Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi
- Banaras Hindu University (BHU), Varanasi
- University of Mumbai
- Christ University, Bengaluru
- Ashoka University, Sonapat
- University of Calcutta, Kolkata
- Savitribai Phule Pune University
- Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), Mumbai
- Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi

USA

Duration: 3 - 4 Years

Fee per course/annum: Rs.17 - Rs.25 Lakh Per Annum

- Concordia University
- University of Waterloo
- National University
- Michigan State University

UK

Duration: 3 Years

Fee per course/annum: Rs.16 - Rs.25 Lakh Per Annum

- Oxford Brookes University
- Leeds University
- University of Wolverhampton
- University of Winchester

Canada

Duration: 3 Years

Fee per course/annum: Rs.19 - Rs. 28 Lakh Per Annum

- University of Toronto
- University of British Columbia
- McGill University
- University of Montreal

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