A degree from The University of Manchester can lead to a number of new and exciting opportunities. Below you'll find information about some of our graduates and their advice for you.

**Marianna Sinakova**

**Degree:**  
BEng (Hons) Petroleum Engineering 2012

**Job:**  
Reservoir Engineer

**Organisation:**  
BP

‘In order to succeed, you need to show strong technical skills, core values that are in line with the organisation you are applying for, as well as leadership skills. You can develop these skills through your studies and extra-curricular activities.’

**What did you do outside of your course at Manchester?**

I was part of the group who set up the Petroleum Engineering Society to help bridge the gap between academia and industry. We had amazing support from staff, from industry and from fellow students. This allowed me to grow my leadership skills.

**How has your degree helped your career so far?**

The Petroleum Engineering course at Manchester teaches very relevant modules. In my job so far I have used most of the things that I studied on my course. I am well versed in the area that I am working in, and feel I have a huge advantage over people coming into this career from different engineering backgrounds.
Matthew Rovardi

**Degree:**
BSc (Hons) Geology 2001

**Job:**
Exploration Manager - Ghana

**Organisation:**
Kinross Gold Corporation

‘In exploration, a second language is key (mainly French, Spanish, Russian or Mandarin). Inevitably working in exploration you will find yourself in remote locations looking for something that has yet to be discovered...this would mostly be in countries that do not speak English!’

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Robert Webster

**Degree:**
BSc (Hons) Geology 2006

**Job:**
Senior Engineer, Geotechnics Limited

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How has your Manchester degree benefitted you in your career?
The theory I learned at Manchester gave me a fundamental base to be able to apply in the field, as well as the very useful practical lessons and field trips that expose you to the real life of working as a geologist.

What advice would you give to someone wanting to pursue a similar career to you?
Be inquisitive first and foremost, not to be afraid to ask questions. Always look at problems with a very open mind. Geologists in exploration always form part of a close-knit team, with other geologists, field technicians and administrative support, so team work is essential.