

## Geology Employment Outlook

Interested in studying about planet Earth? Geology may be for you!

**Jobs that you may be qualified for with an associate's degree.**

Many federal, state, private or non-profit technician positions, including:

- Geology and Petroleum Technicians
- Hydrology Technician
- Surveying Technician

*Note: Most Students Interested in pursuing geology will want to transfer to a four-year college or university to continue their studies.*

### What Geoscientists Do

Geoscientists study the physical aspects of the Earth, such as its composition, structure, and processes, to learn about its past, present, and future.

### Work Environment

Most geoscientists split their time between working in offices and laboratories, and working outdoors. Doing research and investigations outdoors is commonly called fieldwork and can require irregular working hours and extensive travel to remote locations.

### How to Become a Geoscientist

Most geoscientist jobs require at least a bachelor's degree. In several states, geoscientists may need a license to offer their services to the public.

### Pay

The median annual wage for geoscientists was \$89,910 in May 2014.

### Job Outlook

Employment of geoscientists is projected to grow 10 percent from 2014 to 2024, faster than the average for all occupations. The need for energy, environmental protection, and responsible land and resource management is projected to spur demand for geoscientists in the future.

**DATA: Bureau of Labor Statistics occupational Outlook Handbook**

**FRC has an exclusive internship program with our local Plumas National Forest!**

During summers 2014-2016, **46 FRC students** have been or will be employed through this program. This opportunity is an incredible chance for our students to get a start in their natural resource careers and is **unique to FRC!**

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**Careers for which an associate's degree in geology will be a good stepping stone include:**

- Geoscientists
- Environmental Scientist
- Hydrologists
- Mining and Geological Engineer
- Petroleum Engineer



