POLICY INSTITUTES/THINK TANKS

Policy institutes, or, *think tanks*, are organizations that are dedicated to researching solutions for society’s problems ranging from economic concerns, healthcare, to the environment. Think tank analysts come from every field & interest sector, so if you’re a gifted & dedicated problem-solver, a policy institute career may be right for you.

**Career Library Resources:**
14.07 Career Opportunities in Politics, Government, & Activism
4.07 Career Opportunities in the Nonprofit Sector
4.11 Harvard Business School Guide to Careers in the Nonprofit Sector
*The Idealist Guide to Nonprofit Careers for First-Time Jobseekers*

**General Lists of Policy Institutes/Think Tanks:**
- Washington State University (Vancouver) list of political advocacy groups - [http://www.vancouver.wsu.edu/fac/kfountain/](http://www.vancouver.wsu.edu/fac/kfountain/)
- University of Pennsylvania Int’l Relations program guide to think tank rankings - [http://www.gotothinktank.com/thinktank/](http://www.gotothinktank.com/thinktank/)
- Foreign Affairs Online think tank directory - [http://people.virginia.edu/~rjb3v/T-tanks.html](http://people.virginia.edu/~rjb3v/T-tanks.html)
- Baylor University economics-related think tanks - [http://business.baylor.edu/Steve_Gardner/TTANKS.HTM](http://business.baylor.edu/Steve_Gardner/TTANKS.HTM)
- Michigan State University library think tank list - [http://staff.lib.msu.edu/harris23/govdocs/ttanks.htm](http://staff.lib.msu.edu/harris23/govdocs/ttanks.htm)
- Open Directory Project list of policy organizations - [http://www.dmoz.org/Regional/North_America/United_States/Society_and_Culture/Politics/Policy_Institutes/](http://www.dmoz.org/Regional/North_America/United_States/Society_and_Culture/Politics/Policy_Institutes/)
Well-Known Think Tanks:
- Environmental – Pew Center on Global Climate Change - [http://www.pewclimate.org/](http://www.pewclimate.org/)
- Foreign Policy - list from U.S. Dept. of State - [http://www.state.gov/s/p/tt/](http://www.state.gov/s/p/tt/)

Internships & Job Resources:
- The Washington Center - [http://www.twc.edu/](http://www.twc.edu/)
- Downey McGrath Group (lobbying firm) - [http://www.dmggroup.com/internships.htm](http://www.dmggroup.com/internships.htm)
- Open Secrets internships - [http://www.opensecrets.org/about/intern.php](http://www.opensecrets.org/about/intern.php)
- U.S. Department of State list of think tank job resources - [http://www.state.gov/m/fsi/tc/79982.htm](http://www.state.gov/m/fsi/tc/79982.htm)
- www.Internships-usa.com guides - *Washington Internships in Law & Policy & Internships in International Affairs* (Contact Career Services for login/password information)