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The employability of geography graduates is determined by a whole host of factors. If we leave aside those which have to do with the individual, such as grades and the type of degree obtained, and those which have to do with the quality of the education which the individual received, we are left with a set which depends on the discipline itself and its standing in the minds of potential employers. In some ways these are the factors over which we have least control, because they depend ultimately on the image of geography and geographers in the minds of a very large and diverse group of people. And although images are created and destroyed every day by the advertising industry, the methods commonly employed are unlikely to be acceptable to the majority of professional geographers, to put it mildly.

The image of professional standing of geography and geographers is seen in very obvious and overt ways: for example in the degree to which the discipline is recognized in government hiring practices and whether geographers are regarded as qualified for certain jobs. It also appears much more subtly in the willingness of geography graduates to use the discipline as their first point of reference in describing themselves. After all, "geographer" is probably less meaningful to most people than "economist". This is not to suggest that geographers are in any way unique in this regard: what word describes a graduate of a program in physical education, or even an English major? But the observation does suggest that the professional image, or standing, of geography is not as high as that of, say, engineering.

There is considerable disagreement within the discipline over the need, if any, for improvement in professional standing, and the appropriate ways of achieving it. This paper discusses the historical trends which have occurred, and are occurring, in the professional standing of the discipline, and the various ways in which these trends can be interpreted. This is followed by a discussion of the components contributing to geography's current standing, and of the ways in which it is reflected in various institutions and practices, and consequently of the directions which should be taken by any concerted effort to enhance it.
The advancement of a discipline requires the active participation and support of a community. By demanding attention to issues of discipline, we are not attempting to influence the image of the discipline. What is the point of any genuine attempt to influence the image of the discipline if it is not genuine?

The goal of the profession of geography is to find a place where the discipline can flourish, and the profession is committed to finding and supporting such a place. The profession is therefore committed to creating a discipline that is relevant and useful to society.

In the past, many have criticized the profession for its lack of relevance and usefulness to society. The profession has responded by creating new courses and programs, and by engaging in research that is relevant to society.

The profession is committed to continuing to support the discipline in this way. By doing so, the profession is contributing to the advancement of knowledge and to the betterment of society.
is directly involved in writing the job description. It is the direct responsibility of the employer to ensure that the job description accurately reflects the position and responsibilities. Careful consideration must be given to the content and wording of the job description to ensure that it is an accurate representation of the role.

The position description is a critical component of the job advertisement, as it is the primary source of information for potential candidates. It should be clear, concise, and free of jargon to ensure that candidates can easily understand the role and decide whether they are interested in applying.

In addition to the position description, the employer should also consider including other information in the job advertisement to attract the right candidates. This may include the company culture, benefits, and other details that are important to potential employees. By taking a careful and thoughtful approach to the job advertisement, the employer can attract the best candidates and ensure that they have a successful hire.
However, geography has traditionally played a major role in the global society. In contrast, the cultural geography model is a simpler one. The focus was on the global context, but it is a more complex and less tangible. The role of geography in the global context is vital, and it is important to understand how geography influences the global context.

Support for research and funding has increased, and this has led to more research and a stronger focus on cultural issues. In addition, there is increased interest in the global context. This is reflected in the increased use of global indicators. This is particularly true for the cultural context, which is increasingly important. The global context is increasingly influential in shaping the world.

Possible Actions

Professor Davis, the head of the educational department, has been involved in the planning of the educational program. The program is designed to provide students with a broad understanding of the global context. The program includes courses that cover a variety of topics, including the cultural context.

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The popular imagination, of course, is likely to depict a collective and a reasonable topic for discussion within the organization, as a disciplined and propositional step to engage the organized and propositional frameworks that are critical for the meaningful exchange that is the hallmark of the academic community. And so we find that the "justification of the" is very much about the discipline, and to create the justification, it is in large measure that the discipline needs and less inclined to take necessary initiatives.

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