Cognitive Science has grown out of an increasing need for interaction among psychology, linguistics, artificial intelligence, philosophy, and neuroscience. These fields share the goal of understanding intelligence. By combining these diverse perspectives, students of cognitive science are able to understand cognition at a deep level. It focuses on human cognition and the experimental study of the human mind as illuminated by the techniques of the above five disciplines, with an emphasis on computer science. Possible career paths include those in research, business, technical industries (e.g. artificial intelligence), government, education, think tanks, the non-profit sector, administration, and human services.

Selected Career Directions and Resources

**Federal/State Government**
- US State Department: [www.state.gov](http://www.state.gov)
- Federal Bureau of Investigation: [www.fbi.gov](http://www.fbi.gov)
- Central Intelligence Agency: [www.cia.gov](http://www.cia.gov)
- Peace Corps: [www.peacecorps.gov](http://www.peacecorps.gov)
- Defense Intelligence Agency: [www.dia.mil](http://www.dia.mil)
- Federal Bureau of Investigation: [www.fbi.org](http://www.fbi.org)

**Non-Profit Organizations**
- Foundations.org: [www.foundations.org](http://www.foundations.org)
- Global Impact: [www.charity.org](http://www.charity.org)
- Idealist: [www.idealist.org](http://www.idealist.org)
- Corporation for National & Community Service: [www.nationalservice.gov](http://www.nationalservice.gov)
- SocialService.com: [www.socialservice.com](http://www.socialservice.com)

**Technical Industry**
- Association for the Advancement of Artificial Intelligence: [www.aaai.org](http://www.aaai.org)

**Social & Human Services**
- American Counseling Association: [www.counseling.org](http://www.counseling.org)
- American Psychological Association: [www.apa.org](http://www.apa.org)
- Cognitive Science Society: [www.cognitivesciencesociety.org](http://www.cognitivesciencesociety.org)
- Law Enforcement: [www.lawenforcement.com](http://www.lawenforcement.com)
Research, Education and Business/Marketing
Education Sector: www.educationsector.org
Beyond Academe: www.beyondacademe.com
Society for Marketing Professional Services: www.smps.org
Marketing Hire: www.marketinghire.com
American Management Association: www.amanet.org
Careers in Business: www.careers-in-business.com

Think Tanks, Politics, and Public Administration
International Monetary Fund (IMF): www.imf.org
RAND: www.rand.org
Policy Jobs: www.policyjobs.net
Foreign Policy Association Job Board: www.fpa.org/jobs
NIRA World Directory of Think Tanks: www.nira.or.jp/past/ice/nwdtt/2005/index.html

Examples of Employers and Job Titles (Actual)
Carnegie Mellon University, Media Relations
Seoul Metropolitan Office of Education, Teacher
Massachusetts General Hospital, Clinical Researcher
Siegel and Gale, Associate Information Architect
Google, User Experience Designer
IBM, Consultant
Mediallia, Inc., Data Manager
Adcordian Media Group, Interactive Designer
Citi, Risk Analyst
Wesley Spectrum Services, Therapeutic Staff Support
Oracle, Subject Matter Expert
Global Computer Enterprises, Data Scientist
Kaprica Security, Chief Operating Officer
SRA International, Cyber Security Analyst

Salary and Employment Trends
Since wages change rapidly year after year, the following links will be helpful in identifying median wages and employment trends:

ONET Online: www.onetonline.org
Occupational Outlook Handbook: www.bls.gov/ooh