



Preparing Yourself for Work after Your Studies International Master's Students

A one-year master's course is very intensive. Preparation before you arrive will give you the best chance of ensuring you have the skills and experience you need to compete successfully for graduate jobs.

Before you arrive

- Prepare your CV so that you can start networking with employers as soon as you arrive in the UK. The [International Students](#) page has examples of CVs you can use as a guide.
- Set up a LinkedIn account from your home country to establish and maintain contacts with your home university, alumni networks and recruitment consultants in your home country if you are looking to return home after your studies. The [Find Jobs and Opportunities](#) page has advice on Networking to find opportunities, including [Using Social Media for Job Hunting and Career Research](#).
- Investigate part-time working at Loughborough – see the [Find Jobs and Opportunities](#) page for advice on different ways to find opportunities.
- Read [Tier 4 Work Entitlements](#) for more details on permission to work and refer to the UK Government website for information on getting a [National Insurance Number](#).
- Familiarise yourself with the services offered to postgraduates by [Careers Network](#).

During your studies

- Keep up to date with events and guidance on the [International Students Careers Blog](#).
- [Meet employers on campus](#) events such as careers fairs and employer presentations to speak directly to employers about current opportunities and recruitment practices.
- [Attend careers events](#) including presentations and workshops, including some specifically for International Students.
- Search and apply for vacancies on [Careers Online](#).
- Find out which companies are on the [Tiers 2 and 5 Register of Sponsors](#) (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/register-of-licensed-sponsors-workers>).
- See [Permission to Work after Your Studies for Non-EEA Nationals](#) to find out about immigration schemes if you want to stay on to work in the UK.
- Attend the 'Working in the UK After your Studies' session delivered by an immigration solicitor. Speak to Careers Network about the next time this will be held. It will be listed under [Careers Events](#).
- Prepare documentation and ensure you are ready to meet the requirements of your visa application e.g. have appropriate finances in your bank account over a specified time frame.
- [Access careers help](#) in applying for graduate roles such as CVs, applications, assessment centres and interviews.