



Preparing Yourself for Work after Your Studies International Undergraduate Students

An undergraduate course gives you plenty of time to combine studies with work and other activities to develop into a great candidate for graduate employment.

- Keep up to date with events on the [International Students Careers Blog](#)
- [Meet employers on campus](#) at events such as careers fairs and employer presentations to speak directly to employers about current opportunities and recruitment practices.
- Search and apply for vacancies on [Careers Online](#) which is updated regularly.
- Attend Careers Network presentations scheduled in your timetable each year.
- [Attend careers events](#) - presentations and workshops to help you develop your employability skills such as CV and cover letter writing, application forms and interviews. There are also events specifically for International Students.

First year students

- Get involved in activities that bring you in contact with UK students and the local community in order to practice your English and become familiar with the culture.
- Sign up for [English language support](#) during term time to develop your language skills.
- Start to explore your interests and skills to determine your career direction. Our [Research your Career](#) section has lots of resources to help with this.
- Prepare your CV - [Make Applications](#) page has guidance on this, while the [International Students](#) page has examples specifically for international students.
- Find opportunities to gain experience. The [Get a placement or work experience](#) page has advice on this, including on-year placements, vacation work, internships, insight days, spring weeks, work shadowing, mentoring, part-time work, volunteering, student leadership roles.
- Read the information about visas on our [International Students](#) page to learn about permission to work during your studies, with a link for applying for a National Insurance number which you will need to work in the UK. (<https://www.gov.uk/apply-national-insurance-number>)

Second/penultimate year students

- Research what sort of graduate roles you might like and arrange a Career Consultation with a Careers Consultant to analyse more specifically which roles you might be suited to. This can be arranged at phoning 01509 222039 or visiting the Information Desk in the Bridgeman Building.
- Find opportunities to gain experience. The [Get a placement or work experience](#) page has advice on this, including one-year placements, vacation work, internships, work shadowing, mentoring, part-time work, volunteering, student leadership roles.
- Take part in Careers Network sessions as part of your scheduled timetable to learn about CVs, application forms and interviews.
- Ensure you understand your permission to work in the UK **during** your studies for EEA and Non-EEA students which you can find on our [International Students](#) page.

Finalists

- [Access careers help](#) in applying for graduate roles such as CVs, applications, assessment centres and interviews.
- [Attend careers events](#) - presentations and workshops to help you develop your employability skills such as CV and cover letter writing, application forms and interviews.
- Identify companies on the [Tiers 2 and 5 Register of Sponsors](#). (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/register-of-licensed-sponsors-workers>).
- See the PDF resources on the [International Students](#) page to find out which immigration scheme might suit you if you want to stay on to work in the UK.
- Attend the 'Working in the UK after your Studies' event delivered by an immigration solicitor. You can look on Careers Online or speak to Careers Network staff to find out when the next event will be.
- 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.