In the spirit of adventure

1st Year Engineering

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3rd most targeted University Times Top 100 (High Fliers 2017)

Home to small business – highest number of start-ups outside London
It’s never too early to get started

Three things to do this year:

1. Visit the ‘work experience and internships’ webpage and access vacancies through mycareer

2. Look for advice on the ‘CVs’ webpage and attend a CV talk in order to produce a suitable CV

3. Attend a Fair ahead of applying for internships and work experience opportunities
More than half of employers now offer work experience to first year undergraduates – either through paid internships and vacation placements, or through open days, short introductory courses, or “taster” experiences. (High Fliers 2017)
What will you do?

“Working with Outreach boosted my communication skills with people of a range of ages and my peers. I have learnt how important engaging with those you are working with is, and I will carry this knowledge into my working future”

1st Year Computer Scientist
Schools outreach as part of ‘Digimakers’ project

“I worked as an assistant web developer. I spent a lot of creating website for clients, working from a design created by our teammate. I had meetings with clients to discuss ideas, finished products and give short tutorials on editing the website. I’ve learned how to manage times and deadlines for projects and will take this into account for future jobs and projects”

2nd Year Computer Scientist
Assistant Web Developer (Part time), GWS Media
Work experience and internships

Work experience is anything that gives practical experience of the workplace, from an internship with a large city employer to working as an unpaid volunteer.

Employers value graduates with work experience. Gaining work experience whilst at university can help you determine what you want to do after you graduate, as well as rule things out. It can also help you build your professional network and develop your employability skills.

If you impress the employer during an internship, you might be fast-tracked through the recruitment process or even offered a graduate job at the end of the placement.

What is an internship?

- These are often paid placements offered by firms who regularly recruit graduates.
- Most are between 8-12 weeks in the summer, but there are also part-time, term-time and vacation opportunities.
- They are usually structured and will give you an insight into the company, the work involved and you may be given a specific project to carry out.

“Over a third of recruiters who took part in the research repeated their warnings from previous years—that graduates who have had no previous work experience at all are unlikely to be successful during the selection process and have little or no chance of receiving a job offer for their organisations’ graduate programmes.”

The Graduate Market in 2017, Highfliers

Internships are advertised on the Careers Service as well as through companies own websites and specialist graduate and placement sites. For more information see The Complete University Guide’s pages on internships.

Can we help?

If you have a question about your career choices, please get in touch.
Supporting your future success

At the Careers Service we're here to inspire you and support you in helping you get to where you want to be when you graduate.

New Enterprise Competition
2017

Be inspired

Start your career research here; be inspired by our top tips and graduate stories.

Find and apply

Everything to help you find a job: CVs, interviews and search strategies.
Start to build your CV

Visit our ‘CVs’ webpage

Come to a Quickfix Book on mycareer

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Additional information for:
- Graduates
- International students
- Postgraduate taught students
- Postgraduate research students
Your future employer is waiting to meet you

Autumn Careers Fair  10 & 11 October
Engineering and IT Fair  18 & 19 October
Grads Love Bristol  30 October
BRISTOL UNI CAREERS FAIR+

A full-featured iPhone, iPad and Android app that puts the power to prepare for fairs in your hands.

Search for Bristol Uni Careers Fair Plus on the App Store and Google Play Store.

FEATURES

- COMPLETE EMPLOYER LISTING
- INTERACTIVE FLOORPLAN
- EVENT DETAILS
- ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR REAL-TIME UPDATES
- FAIR TIPS SECTION TO HELP YOU PREPARE
## Faculty of Engineering Careers programme Autumn 2017

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