

Can you host a student placement?

8th May – 9th June 2017

Undergraduates in their second year of
study from a range of disciplines seeking
a 5-week unpaid work placement

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Work Based
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What is Work Based Learning?

As part of their programme of study, our second year undergraduates have the opportunity to engage in a 5-week work placement. This can provide an insight into a future career and introduces them to target setting and reflection whilst contributing to the work of their provider.

- 5-week unpaid placement, 8th May – 9th June 2017*.
- Involve a student in the organisation like a regular employee.
- Agree student's placement objectives to reflect the role and tasks.
- Provide any reasonable adjustments for those with disabilities/SEN**.
- Conduct appraisal**.

*150 hours minimum over not less than five weeks (workload and work pattern to be negotiated between the individual and the organisation). We really appreciate placement providers taking individual's other commitments into consideration, e.g. childcare, parttime work.

**Guidance provided.

How can you benefit?

- An extra pair of hands for busy periods.
- Get a fresh perspective and new ideas.
- Students can take responsibility for a particular project or task.
- Help to develop the workforce of the future.
- Development opportunities for your staff.
- Further collaborative work with the University.

Previous placements have included website design, animal welfare, laboratory work, coaching, research, menu planning, event coordination, marketing campaigns, production of instructional DVDs, art installations, choreography and much more.



How do you offer a placement?

If you would like to offer placements through the University then please complete and return the Placement Offer Form. We will make placements available to our students and coordinate the shortlisting and matching process. Once names are confirmed, the applicant/s will contact you directly with a CV and covering letter.

If you have already provisionally agreed to offer a placement directly to a student, they will send your details to the University. We will then send out a placement confirmation pack.

We expect all students will attend an interview and to agree on placement objectives prior to their University-based Induction Programme (week commencing 1st May).



Subject Areas

As well as transferable work-based skills that our students can bring to a placement, they also have course specific knowledge which they are eager to apply. The programmes of study that currently feature a Work Based Learning module include:

- Accounting and Finance, Business, Business Management, International Business, Business Management and Entrepreneurship, Marketing, Tourism Management, Events Management, Hospitality Management.
- Animal Behaviour/Welfare, Animal Management, Wildlife Ecology and Conservation, Zoo Management.
- Biology, Forensic Biology, Human Nutrition.
- Chemical Engineering, Natural Sciences.
- Commercial Music Production, TV Production, Radio Production.
- Community Policing and Criminal Investigation.
- Computer Science, Information Systems Management, Games Development, Interactive Digital Media.
- Drama, Dance, Theatre Studies, Performing Arts.
- Early Childhood Studies, Education Studies.
- English – Language and Literature, Creative Writing.
- Fine Art, Photography, Digital Photography, Graphic Design.
- Geography, International Development Studies, Natural Hazard Management.
- Health and Social Care.
- History, Archaeology.
- Journalism, Sports Journalism, PR, Advertising, Music Journalism.
- Languages (French, German, Spanish), Chinese Studies.
- Law.
- Mathematics.
- Media Studies, Film Studies, Popular Music Performance.
- Sociology, Politics, Criminology, Counselling Skills, Psychology, International Relations, Economics.
- Sport and Exercise Sciences, Sport Development, Sports Coaching.
- Religious Studies, Theology.

Quotes from placement providers

The students we have taken have been very hard working and were able to understand and apply their knowledge well. They were very adaptable to projects that were not straightforward.

JBA Consulting

Students have been keen and enthusiastic throughout their placements and show a real willingness to get involved. We hope to continue offering placements for the foreseeable future.

Tropical World (Leeds City Council)

There is real value to an organisation as well as to the student in offering a placement in terms of bringing fresh ideas and perspective and helping the student to "try out" a working environment before making decisions about their career direction.

Rochdale Borough Council

We have hosted six placements now, and they have all been fantastic; they have really engaged and participated, and everybody has gained from their involvement in our organisation.

Erlas Victorian Walled Garden

I feel that the WBL scheme helps students make an informed decision about the career path they want and allows them to explore what other training or experience they may need to gain employment in a specific role.

**Integrated Early Support
(Cheshire West and Chester Council)**

Having students allows us to put into practise some of our "nice to have" things off our wish list rather than simply continuing with daily workloads.

Catch22

The work placement student has helped us enormously at one of the busiest times of the year. His "can do" attitude and ideas impressed us so much we've offered him a part-time role within our organisation.

Circus Starr



The University of Chester has dedicated Work Based Learning Offices in Chester and Warrington to oversee the whole placement process. If you are unsure whether a placement will be suitable, please call one of our expert Placement Co-ordinators.

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