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Career planner – September

In the Autumn attention turns back to university study. If you're a returning student you should start to narrow down what industries suit you best – perhaps visit your careers service for advice. Before your course and the inevitable busy social side of university starts in earnest, be sure to have your CV updated and employers-ready so you're fully prepared for any career opportunities that will arise.

Finalists: be aware that graduate schemes open in October and some close in December: having a prepped CV will make those applications so much easier to complete before the strict deadlines.

Autumn term events



We are busy planning events for the Autumn term.

Check <u>www.kent.ac.uk/ces/events</u> regularly for updates on what's happening throughout the term.

A full guide to the Employability Festival events on the Medway and Canterbury campuses will shortly be available to collect from the Careers & Employability Service office or download from our website

| Date | Venue | Time | Event |
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| Wednesday 28 September | KLT6 | 2-3pm | What is a Student Ambassador? An interactive session on the exciting work and opportunities available within the University of Kent's student ambassador scheme. |
| Wednesday 28 September | KLT6 | 3:30-4pm | Bitesize talk: CVs This 30 min session will cover all the do's and don'ts when it comes to creating a great CV. |
| Wednesday 5 October | KLT6 | 1-1:30pm | Bitesize talk: Finding a part-time job Learn everything you need to know about how to maximise your success rate in finding a part-time job |
| Wednesday 5 October | KLT6 | 3-5pm | FDM Assessment Centre Workshop Whichever career path you decide to embark on after university you are likely to be asked to attend an Assessment Centre as a part of the recruitment process. FDM Group's Assessment Centre Workshop is your chance to discover what to expect, how to prepare and how to excel on the day! Limited numbers please book |
| Thursday 6 October | KLT5 | 1-1:30pm | Bitesize talk: What's in a name? We will break down some common stereotypes based on the products companies offer and instead explore the vast array of jobs instead. Prepare to be amazed! |
| Monday 10 October – Friday 21 October | Medway campus | | Employability Festival at the Medway campus www.kent.ac.uk/ces/empfest |
| Tuesday 11 October | Keynes Atrium | 9am-5pm | Willis Towers Watson Find out more about graduate recruitment opportunities with Willis Towers Watson |

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| Tuesday 11 October | KLT5 | 1-1:30pm | Bitesize talk: Interviews Learn the difference between competency and strength based interviews and get tips on how to ace them in just 30 minutes |
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| Wednesday 12 October | KLT6 | 1-2pm | JET Programme Dr Anthony Manning talks about his experience on the Japan Exchange and Teaching programme |
| | Pilkington Open Space, Medway campus | 12-3pm | Employability Fair www.kent.ac.uk/ces/employabilityfair |
| Wednesday 19 October | KLT6 | | Mandarin Consulting Job Application Workshop This event encompasses coaching, work experience and the skills gained can be taken forward into your future career. |
| Thursday 20 October | KLT5 | 12:30-1pm | Bitesize talk: Identify your skills Learn how to identify the skills you have that an employer will want, plus any gaps in your skills you may need to fill. |
| Thursday 20 October | KLT5 | 1-2pm | Applying for Teacher Training The Director of Postgraduate Admissions at Canterbury Christ Church University will talk about applications for PGCE courses and what teacher training institutions look for when selecting students. |
| Monday 24 October – Friday 4 November | Canterbury campus | | Employability Festival at the Canterbury campus www.kent.ac.uk/ces/empfest |
| Tuesday 25 October | Keynes Atrium | 12-3pm | Work & Study Abroad Fair www.kent.ac.uk/ces/events/abroad- fair.html |
| Thursday 27 October | Keynes Atrium | 12-3pm | JobShop Recruitment Fair www.kent.ac.uk/ces/events/recruitment- fair.html |
| Tuesday 1 November | Sports Centre | 12-3pm | Careers Fair www.kent.ac.uk/ces/careersfair/ |
| Thursday 3 November | Keynes Atrium | 12-3pm | Teaching Fair www.kent.ac.uk/ces/events/teaching- fair.html |
| Friday 4 November | Keynes Atrium | 12-3pm | Language Fair www.kent.ac.uk/ces/events/language- fair.html |

| Thursday 10 November | KLT5 | 1-1:30pm | Bitesize talk: Assessment Centres Top tips to ace assessment centres. |
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| Tuesday 15 November | KLT5 | 1-1:30pm | Bitesize talk: Commercial Awareness Learn why demonstrating commercial awareness is crucial in securing graduate positions. |
| Tuesday 22 November | KLT5 | 1:30-2pm | Bitesize talk: Using LinkedIn Learn everything you need to know about using LinkedIn from creating a professional profile, following companies you are interested in and networking effectively with professionals on the site. |
| Thursday 1 December | KLT5 | 1:30-2pm | Bitesize talk: Jobs in the charity sector Find out what's happening in the sector as well as the main charities employing graduates and how to increase your chances of getting a job. |

Off Campus - National Events

Details of the following Open days and Events can be found at https://www.prospects.ac.uk/events

- Postgraduate Open Evening Business School and Oxford School of Hospitality Management Wednesday 7 September, Oxford Bookes University, 5:30-7pm
- **MBA Information Session and Networking** Thursday 8 September, ESSEC Executive Education, Paris, 5:15-7pm
- Treasury in a Day, Tuesday 13 September, ACT, London, 9am-5pm
- Global Education Fairs Sunday 25 September, BMI Media, London, 10:30am-3:30pm
- Access MBA London Monday 26 September, Access MBA, London, 4:30-9:30pm
- Access MBA Dublin Tuesday 27 September, Access MBA, Dublin, 4:30-10pm
- One on One MBA Information Session Wednesday 28 September, LIU Post College of Management, London, 9am-6pm
- Open Evening Wednesday 28 september, FDM Group, Leeds, 5-7pm
- Law Traineeship and Work Experience Fair Thursday 29 September, University of Aberdeen, 1am-3pm
- September Open Evening, Thursday 29 September, FDM Group, Glasgow, 4-6pm
- Open Evening Thursday 29 september, FDM Group, London, 4-6pm

Competitions & Awards

JOIN THE CSRI ACADEMY CHALLENGE

Compete for an unprecedented experience to join the roundtable discussions at the CSRI Fall Meeting in London, UK and the World Economic Forum 2017 in Davos, CH.

REGISTER NOW!

project-firefly.com/csriacademychallenge

Stage 1 Submissions close September 25, 2016.

Zurich Enterprise Challenge 2016- "Rule the Risk"

Join today for the opportunity to work with one of the world's top insurance companies and interact directly with its corporate customers to solve their real-world corporate challenges. Open for highly qualified and motivated MBA, Master or PhD students from all over the world. The two top-performing teams will:

- Be invited to present to senior executives of some of the world's most prestigious international companies
- Receive an exclusive certificate by Zurich and the Academic Review Board
- Compete for a CHF 5000 prize

Organize as a team of 3-4 students and crack the case! Register at www.project-firefly.com/zurich

New courses

MSc EDA Conversion programmes at the University of Kent

- Embedded Communications Engineering conversion programme

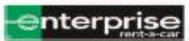
 This MSc-level conversion programme is for graduates with first degrees in numerate disciplines (e.g. Maths, Physics, others with some mathematics to pre-university level should enquire). It aims to produce engineers with the knowledge and skills required for working in the communications industry on programmable hardware, in particular. www.eda.kent.ac.uk/postgraduate/pg_embeddedcomms.aspx
- Integrated Circuit Design Engineering conversion programme
 An MSc-level conversion programme for those with first degrees in numerate disciplines (e.g. Maths, Physics, others with some mathematics to pre-university level should enquire). The programme targets producing engineers with knowledge and skills required for designing the integrated circuits which lie at the core of the vast array of consumer electronics of today's world.

 www.eda.kent.ac.uk/postgraduate/pg_icdesign.aspx

Organisations contributing include:

























































EMPLOYABILITY FESTIVAL 2016

Inspiring your future

Medway 10 October - 21 October Canterbury 24 October – 4 November

- Graduate employers and Kent alumni
- Presentations, skills workshops and competitions
- Extra-curricular activities and volunteering.
- Careers and Employability Fairs

www.kent.ac.uk/ces/empfest



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Vacancies

Teach in China Internship Scheme

The organisation Post Study as acting as official representative of the Chinese State Administration for Foreign Expert Affairs (SAFEA) in the UK to administer the Chinese Government Teach in China Internship Scheme which is open to graduates and current students. http://www.poststudy.org/scheme/teach-in-china

The Department for International Development (DFID) Graduate Development Scheme 2016/17

- This is a 50-week work experience placement for recent graduates.
- While we can give no guarantee of a permanent job we do aim to provide practical, hands-on experience and a professional development programme to provide benefit across DFID and enhance employability of the graduates who join us.
- DFID embraces the fresh thinking of graduates across the organisation and the scheme offers challenging paid (£22,000 p.a.) opportunities and a step into the development sector and working in the Civil Service.
- For more information on DFID as an organisation visit our <u>website</u> and <u>Facebook</u> and <u>Twitter</u> pages
- So if you're interested in and curious about international development, consider giving it a go - our recruitment advert will be live on <u>Civil Service Jobs</u> later this month.

Are you a BAME grad looking for a #creative career?

Check out some of @ CreativeAccess paid opportunities: http://ow.ly/H03De

Want to work in a start up company? www.WorkInStartups.com

Keep an eye on our online <u>vacancy database</u> which is updated daily throughout the year with new vacancies. Register to search for specific vacancies and receive email notifications when new vacancies of relevant interest to you are added.

We have an automatic Twitter feed of all the vacancies that are posted on the Vacancy Database, which can be accessed at https://twitter.com/unikentces

Mentoring & Support

SEO London City Solicitors Horizons (CSH)

Each year, 50 first year university students either studying law or committed to pursuing a career in law will be selected to participate in an outstanding three-year support programme alongside their undergraduate degrees featuring:

Classroom and one-to-one training sessions

careers.com/

- Personal mentoring by lawyers at participating leading law firms
- Annual work experience placements with leading employers, including City law firms For more information and details of how to apply please visit http://csh.seolondon-

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KRW-NET Kent Experiences of Work Network

Kent Experiences of Work Network (KEW-NET) is a professional mentoring and networking platform just for students at the University of Kent. The network is made up of alumni and business professionals connected to the University who are offering their support.

Register on: www.kent.ac.uk/ces/student/kew-net.html and you could get:

- Advice via email or telephone
- Help reviewing a CV or application form
- Visits to workplaces or insight days
- Possible work experience or internship

Register on: www.kent.ac.uk/ces/alumni if you are an employer or alumni and wish to mentor a University of Kent student.

www.kent.ac.uk/ces



Funding Opportunities

University of Kent Schemes

BKEW: University of Kent Work Experience Bursary Scheme

If you have secured some unpaid work experience in the UK, you could be entitled to help with expenses from the Careers and Employability Service. Bursaries start from £100. For further information and eligibility visit www.kent.ac.uk/kew

University of Kent School of Arts Student Projects Fund

The School of Arts invites applications for project funding on an annual basis. For more details and eligibility visit The School of Arts Student Projects Fund

Postgraduate Funding

Useful website for PG scholarships <u>www.scholarship-search.org.uk</u>
 Information on Postgraduate loans <u>www.thestudentroom.co.uk/content.php?r=21647-Postgraduate-Loans</u>

Other Schemes

National College for Teaching and Leadership (NCTL) bursaries and scholarships for STEM subjects

Recruiting high quality maths and science teachers is a top priority for the NCTL for the remainder of the current recruitment cycle. They want to increase the number of final year Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) undergraduates applying to start maths and physics initial teacher training (ITT) with a wide range of providers in September 2016. The NCTL are offering a range of bursaries and scholarships worth up to £30,000 tax free to trainees in 2016/17. More information about funding and about subject knowledge enhancement courses can be found at https://getintoteaching.education.gov.uk/.

Travel grants available to young people from the Canterbury area wishing to spend time abroad working on aid projects supported by recognised charities.

To mark the millennium, the Rotary Club of Canterbury set up a charitable grant aid fund for young adults aged between 18 and 25.

The idea is to assist young people who wish to give service to an overseas community in need of help, either in a gap year or after further education. We expect the individual to offer themselves through a nationally registered charity and to live in the Canterbury area.

www.rotarycanterbury.org.uk/canterbury-rotary-activities/millennium-scholarship-trust-fund.html

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New Jobseeking Resources

AGCAS Jobseeking Resources

Job profiles (occupational profiles)

- Advice worker www.prospects.ac.uk/job-profiles/advice-worker
- 2. Animal technician www.prospects.ac.uk/job-profiles/animal-technician
- 3. Armed forces logistics/support officer www.prospects.ac.uk/job-profiles/armed-forces-logistics-support-officer
- 4. Armed forces operational officer www.prospects.ac.uk/job-profiles/armed-forces-operational-officer
- 5. Dietitian www.prospects.ac.uk/job-profiles/dietitian
- 6. Film/video editor www.prospects.ac.uk/job-profiles/film-video-editor
- 7. Firefighter www.prospects.ac.uk/job-profiles/firefighter
- 8. Human resources officer www.prospects.ac.uk/job-profiles/human-resources-officer
- 9. Interior and spatial designer www.prospects.ac.uk/job-profiles/interior-and-spatial-designer
- 10. Logistics and distribution manager www.prospects.ac.uk/job-profiles/logistics-and-distribution-manager
- 11. Operational researcher www.prospects.ac.uk/job-profiles/operational-researcher
- 12. Physiotherapist www.prospects.ac.uk/job-profiles/physiotherapist
- 13. Statistician www.prospects.ac.uk/job-profiles/statistician
- 14. Waste management officer www.prospects.ac.uk/job-profiles/waste-management-officer

Options with your subject

- 1. Economics <u>www.prospects.ac.uk/careers-advice/what-can-i-do-with-my-degree/economics</u>
- 2. Forensic science www.prospects.ac.uk/careers-advice/what-can-i-do-with-my-degree/forensic-science
- 3. Youth and community work <u>www.prospects.ac.uk/careers-advice/what-can-i-do-with-my-degree/youth-and-community-work</u>

UCAS Teacher Training Updates

UTT Search and Apply dates for 2017 entry www.ucas.com/ucas/teacher-training
Search opens September 27th 2016
Apply 2 opens 9th November 2016

UTT have a number of videos for applicants to teacher training www.ucas.com/connect/videos/ucas/teacher-training#js=on

Routes into teaching

- 1. Updated routes into teaching content: www.ucas.com/ucas/teacher-training/getting-started/teacher-training-programmes
- 2. New undergraduate training programmes web page: <u>www.ucas.com/ucas/teacher-training/getting-started/teacher-training-programmes/programmes-explained-%E2%80%93</u>
- 3. Pages in 'Getting started' section updated: www.ucas.com/ucas/teacher-training/getting-started

4. Inclusion of other training routes: www.ucas.com/ucas/teachertraining/getting-started/teacher-training-programmes/other-routes

References

- How-to video guides can be found here: www.ucas.com/ucas/teacher-1. training/apply-and-track/references-teaching
- 2. Highlighted content:



When you make your choices, you'll also have to make sure that two references are submitted online.

You will not be able to submit your application until both references are complete.

3. Blog content: www.ucas.com/connect/blogs/ucas-teacher-trainingreferences

Withdrawing an application

- Web page created 'Decisions and replies': www.ucas.com/ucas/teachertraining/apply-and-track/decisions-and-replies
- 2. How to withdraw a choice guide (PDF): www.ucas.com/sites/default/files/utt-withdrawing-choices.pdf



CAREERS FAIR

Tuesday 1 November 2016, 12pm-3pm Sports Centre, **Canterbury Campus**

- Over 100 organisations
- Open to all students
- Graduate vacancies
- Placements, internships and work experience
- Postgraduate study options
- Self-employment

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Drop-ins & Appointments at the Careers & Employability Service





Canterbury Campus

Drop-in

Monday-Friday (term & vacation) 15mins only

- 10:30am-12:30pm
- 2:00-4:00pm

You do not need to book an appointment for this. However, to keep our service fair, all drop-in sessions are on a first come first served basis. Please do not arrive more than 15 minutes before the start of the session.

Booking an appointment

If you want a longer meeting (up to an hour) with a careers advisor please pop in or telephone the office on 01227 823299 to book an appointment. Let us know your

> Both offices are closed on public holidays

degree subject and we will ensure you see an advisor with the relevant expertise.

Medway Campus

Drop-in

Monday to Friday (term-time only)

2:00-3:00pm

G0-05, Gillingham Building Open Monday-Friday from 9am-5pm

Booking an appointment

Book a confidential and impartial career guidance interview (40 minutes) during both vacations and term-time by emailing medwaycareers@kent.ac.uk

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