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Weekly Employability Newsletter

with latest events, opportunities and internships

Employability blog:

<https://blogs.kent.ac.uk/soc-employability>

<https://blogs.kent.ac.uk/smsas-employability/>

<https://blogs.kent.ac.uk/seda-employability/>

How to improve your employability?

Work experience

Part-time Job – Job shop on campus or via the Kent Union website: www.kentunion.co.uk/jobshop
register on the Year in Industry

It is not too late! If you would like to discuss it email me on C.buchan@kent.ac.uk or email your school admin team and ask to change course to YII course. If you are an international student you will need to look into extending your visa if you do a YII

Consider a short internship - Search online or on the Employability blog or the careers database for opportunities. Insights days, summer or spring internships or competitions to win an internship.

Volunteering – visit the Kent Union website to find out more at www.kentunion.co.uk

Attend Employability events & workshops

Events advertised in weekly employability newsletter

Employability events: Employer talks including Microsoft Panel Talk, Wednesday 18 Nov, Actuarial Science Alumni panel, 11 Nov at 5.30pm and working as a Junior Engineer at Gousto on 25 November

Update your CV

Useful information on the Careers and Employability Service (CES) website or attend a CV workshop. Get your CV reviewed by CES by booking an appointment online

Careers and Employability Service

It's never too soon to think about your future!

Create a CV/LinkedIn profile

Practice for an interview or presentation

Discover your career options

Attend skills and employer workshops

Advice on how to network with professionals

Apply for graduate roles, internships, part-time work, volunteering and placements

Get involved with Study Plus, KVS and the Careers Award

- Register on **Target Connect** to:
book appointments, sign up to events, search
our vacancy database!

<https://careers.kent.ac.uk/>

Keep updated with events and opportunities

Email: careerhelp@kent.ac.uk
medwaycareers@kent.ac.uk

Web: <https://www.kent.ac.uk/ces/>

Use your time to build skills for your CV!

HOW TO DEVELOP YOUR SKILLS AT HOME

- VIRTUAL INTERNSHIPS AND EXPERIENCES**
Virtual internships are great ways to gain experience and career insights remotely! They are very flexible and can be completed around your studies and work. Law, Tech and Banking sectors are a few of those that offer these experiences.
- COMPLETE AN ONLINE COURSE**
Whilst you have some spare time, why not take up an online course? There are lots of free courses you can sign up to. Learn coding, a new language or even project management!
- BUILD YOUR COMMERCIAL AWARENESS**
Throughout an application process, employers will be looking for your understanding of their business, the role and the wider industry. Use your time to develop your knowledge in these areas.
- APPLY FOR REMOTE WORKING OPPORTUNITIES**
There are still lots of opportunities to apply to, and many can be done remotely. Positions in social media, marketing, customer service, translation and more!
- VOLUNTEER**
Volunteering is a fantastic way to develop your skills and give back. Now more than ever, you can help your community either physically or remotely. We have lots of opportunities listed that you can get involved in.
- UPDATE YOUR CV AND LINKEDIN PAGE**
Why not use this time to update your CV and LinkedIn page. Reflect on your role in a society, or an internship you may have done last year, and start adding these activities!

VISIT OUR MOODLE PAGE: DP4450 FOR A FULL LIST OF RESOURCES

We are available for phone, email, Zoom, MS Teams appointments and events.

www.kent.ac.uk/ces

or via Moodle DP4450



The Employability Points Scheme





What is the EP Scheme?

The EP Scheme bridges the gap between education and employment.

Students are allocated 'Employability Points' for taking part in extra-curricular activities and these can be 'cashed-in' for rewards which include internships, project placements, work experience, training and vouchers.





Growth of the EP Scheme



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Students signed-up
2019-20



165

Businesses
engaged with the
scheme



871

Rewards offered

BIS

Department for
Business Innovation
& Skills

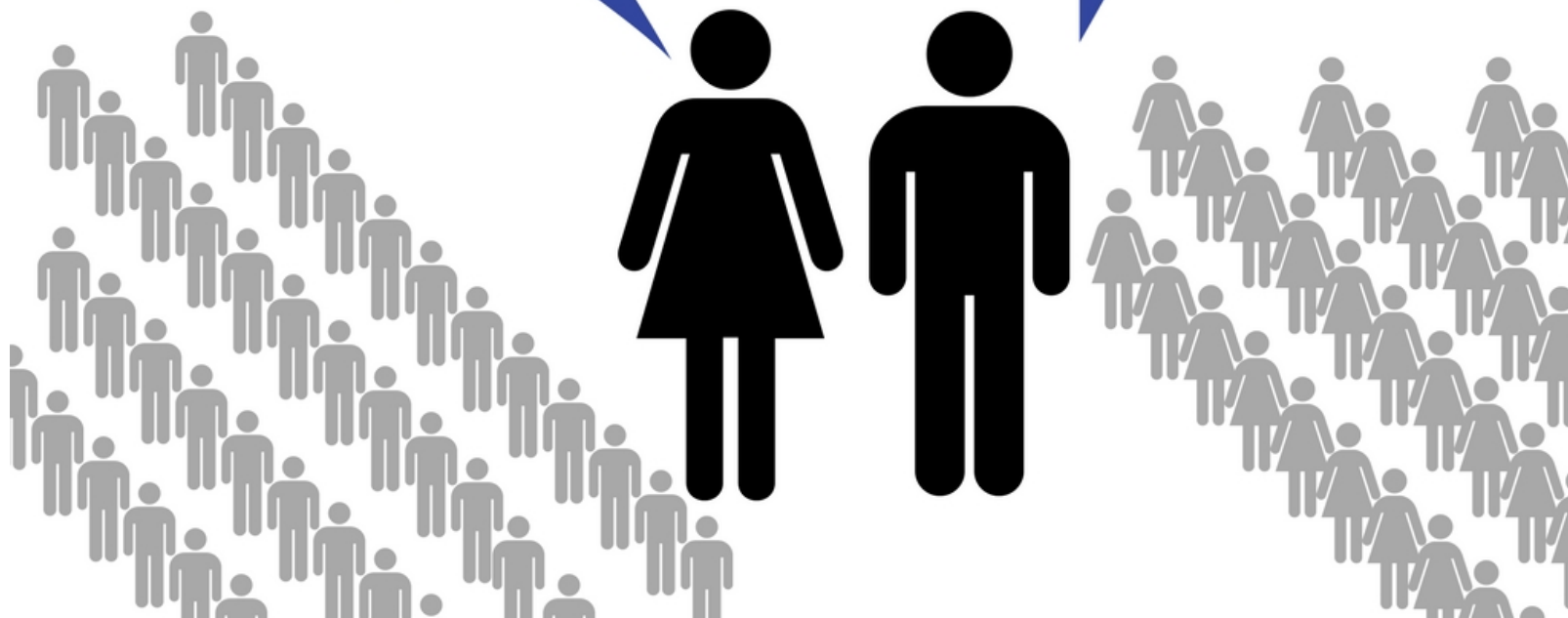




Why get involved?

1/3 of job vacancies are secured due to undertaking a work experience or internship placement.

Over 80 graduates are applying for each graduate job!





The benefits for students

“This year I have done so much more. EP was a big factor...[the scheme] has been beneficial, exciting and rewarding for me.”



“The EP Scheme has been the most important thing I have done at university outside of my studies by far.”



“The skills you develop, and the rewards that you can achieve could give your graduate job applications the edge that you need to succeed!”



“I would definitely recommend the scheme to other students because you learn and grow so much and there are a lot of opportunities to meet great and influencing people.”



“Its just a great opportunity to showcase what you can actually do whilst working towards a degree.”



How does it work?

1. Get involved with co-curricular activities



2. Claim Employability Points on MyFolio



3. Get rewarded!





1. Take part in Co-Curricular Activities



Student Ambassador Scheme, Student Mentoring, Global Passport, GOLD programme and more!



Societies, sports teams, part-time work and student reps.



Workshops, CV drop-ins, EmpFest, Careers Award and more!



Study Plus Courses and language courses.



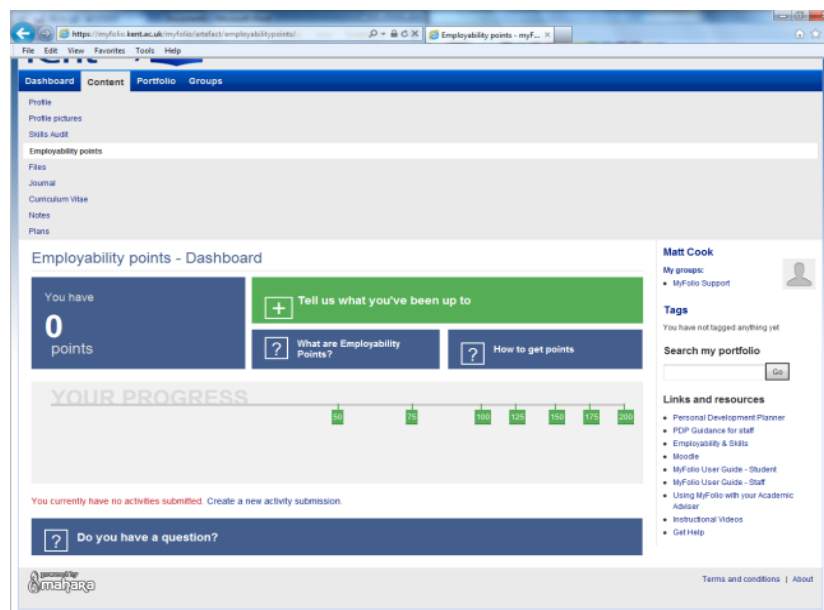
Global Skills Award (post-graduate only)



2. Claim Employability Points

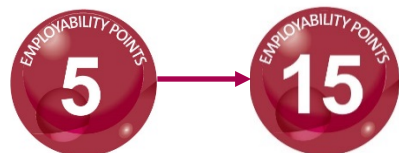


- Claiming points is a very **simple and quick** process and has been designed solely with the intention of being student friendly.
- You log-in to the University's **MyFolio** system and tell us what you have been doing under the **Employability Points Dashboard**.
- A member of the EP team will then review this and award points accordingly.

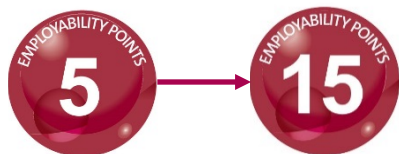




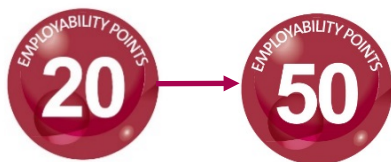
Points Available



Join a society



Attend a workshop



Part-time work



Student Ambassador
Scheme

EP recognises over 100 different activities!

Points allocated reflect both level of engagement and relevance of activity.

Points are manually allocated by the team

Full listing at:
www.kent.ac.uk/employabilitypoints



3. Get Rewarded!

Towards the end of Term 2, you will have an opportunity to cash your points in for different rewards:

Internship: 200 points

Work shadowing: 100

Employability
session: 50

Project placement: 175

Company experience: 75

Voucher: 50

Work experience: 150

Skills development: 75

Highest
points
prizes: N/A

Training: 125

Mock Assessment: 75



How do I get rewarded?



In March 2021 you will receive the Rewards Pack.



Apply for rewards or let your points roll-over.



Interviews are held in May and rewards are completed June-September.



EP Rewards 2019-20

University of Kent





What next?

- This is the **best time to engage with co-curricular activities!**
- **It is far too easy to say “not yet”!**
- Make the most of opportunities **now available and get rewarded** for your efforts!

Finish your time at university with not only a top degree, but also with the **skills and experiences employers want!**

So,

Get Involved – Get Rewarded!

To find out more, contact the EP team today:

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