

Economics with a Year in Industry

Are you interested in a YI?



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Outline

- Placement student guest speakers:
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- Advantages and disadvantages of a placement
- How to get a placement?
- Summer time
- About next academic year
- Q & A

Advantages vs disadvantages of a placement

Advantages

- You will gain valuable work experience and skills
- You will become better organised and are likely to get a better degree
- You may be offered a job after you graduate
- You will be paid!
- Overall a good placement can put your future career on a completely different track

Disadvantages

- It is hard work making applications
- This happens during your second year
- Poor A-levels & first year results
- Even with good results, rejection can happen often and it is very upsetting
- You need to be prepared to deal with this
- You come back to University when many of your friends have graduated

How to get a placement?

- Step 1
 - Think about what firms you might wish to work for
 - e.g. Government departments, Morgan Stanley, VW, IBM, Microsoft, Disney, etc.
 - Find out whether they offer placements
 - This allows you to background research on them
- Step 2:
 - Dedicated search engines
 - Target Connect <https://careers.kent.ac.uk/home.html>
 - Aspirations <https://blogs.kent.ac.uk/aspirations>
 - Rate my placement <http://www.ratemyplacement.co.uk/>
 - Indeed.co.uk <http://www.indeed.co.uk/>

How to get a placement?

- Step 3
 - Prepare and plan over the summer
 - Arrive in September ready to start applications
 - Government Economic Service (GES) and Bank of England (early session)
 - Application window is **very early** and **very narrow**
 - If this is what you are interested, **you need to be ready by September**
- Step 4
 - Work hard!

What you have to do this summer?

- Think about whether you want to do a placement or not
 - Are you prepared to commit the time/effort?
 - What type of placement you want?
 - What firms you would like a placement with?
- Summer internship, summer job, volunteer, etc.
- Write out your CV

What happens next year?

- Next year you will be enrolled in a non-contributory module: ECON5360 - Preparing for a placement
- Moodle space for documents, a mailing list, KV timetabled events, etc.
- Core support provided:
 - Improving your CV
 - Assistance with the application process
 - Paired with other placement students
 - Guide you individually about what you want to do and how realistic your plans are

Firms/institutions

- Current

- IBM
- Morgan Stanley
- ASOS
- Goldman Sachs
- Aldi
- GES HM-Treasury
- Pfizer
- L'Oreal
- etc.

- Past

- Nestle
- VW
- GES Defra
- GES ONS
- Disney
- Adobe
- Lloyd's
- HP
- Amazon
- etc.

Q & A

Any questions?



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