

Careers Service Introduction

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“Why do I need to think about this now?”

- It's never too early to think about what you want to do after University and plan how to get there
- The **global job market** is competitive – you need to stand out from the crowd – plan and apply early. You don't need to wait until the end of your course!
- There are lots of opportunities to gain experience and enhance your profile during your studies – **we are here to help you from Day 1!**



What does a Careers Service typically do?

CV & application
support (incl.
interview
coaching)

Advice/info on
finding jobs &
work experience

Guidance on
career planning

Online

Skills
development
workshops

Start Up support

Networking
opportunities

In
person

Employer events

Internships/work
experience
programmes

Bespoke support
for international
students

MyCareer

- ✓ Search for **vacancies** (part-time, internships, graduate roles)
- ✓ Book **1:1 meetings** with our team
- ✓ Sign up for **workshops & employer events**
- ✓ Access our **online pathways** (courses)
- ✓ Access **specialist resources** (e.g. Goinglobal, Student Circus , GraduatesFirst recruitment tests)



Careers Website

- ✓ Information on sectors/Career Planning
- ✓ CV, Application, LinkedIn advice
- ✓ Researching employers
- ✓ Working for yourself
- ✓ Volunteering
- ✓ Interviews, Test and Assessment Centres
- ✓ And more at <https://www.ncl.ac.uk/careers/>





1:1 support

Appointments available with our advisers
Monday-Friday throughout the year:

- CV/ Cover Letter/LinkedIn appointments
- Information appointments
- Guidance appointments
- START UP appointments
- We're at **Kings Gate Building**

Book via MyCareer

Building skills and experience



What UK employers are looking for in graduates

Insights from students

What do you think employers value most in graduates joining their scheme(s)?

1 Existing industry experience

2 A 2.1 or above degree

3 Communication skills

4 Problem-solving skills

5 **Passion for the business**

6 Confidence

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Taken from [Brightnetwork's](#) student and employer survey 2025/26

Remember individual employers' **requirements will vary**

Check each job description and learn what skills are important for the roles/ sectors you are applying for

What do UK employers want?

An employer wants to know that you:

- **CAN** do the job (skills & competencies)
- **WANT** the job (passion for their business)
- will **FIT** in with their organisation
- have excellent levels of **written and spoken English**

Academic grades may be less important than what you might be used to in your home country.

Why are additional experiences so important?

- The graduate job market is competitive - for ALL students
- A large majority of graduate vacancies are available to students from any degree discipline
- On average 140 applications per role (ISE 2025). This has doubled in the past 2 years... AI?
- A degree is often not enough.... employers will expect you to have additional experiences/work experience
- Extracurriculars and work experience develops valuable skills and can help you figure out to do next



Types of work experience

Volunteering and work shadowing

- Go Volunteer
- Student societies & representation
- Work shadowing

Paid, casual or part-time

- Off campus e.g. retail
- Students Union
- Unitemps

Internships

- NCL internships
- Summer internships
- Online/virtual opportunities like Forage Dig Data

Placements

- 9-12 months
- UG only
- Penultimate year of study

Opportunities exclusive to Newcastle students

Work opportunities on Campus

- CV Advisors
- Exam invigilators
- Student Ambassadors ...and more

Opportunities advertised on **MyCareer** or **direct with academic schools**

- **Unitemps** - temporary roles on campus

Please check your emails / our website for updates

NCL internships

- **Paid internships** with local employers
- A wide range of roles from content creation and research to web development and engineering
- **Flexible around your timetable** and available throughout the year, during term time and summer vacation
- **ALL advertised** via 'vacancies' on MyCareer

Global Industry Project Programme (Practera)

What is it?

- Three-week work-based learning programme for PGT students
- work as part of a consulting team
- undertake a project for a real start-up, business or charity
- receive a digital certificate
- gain valuable professional experience

How it works

Each team:

- receives a project brief
- collaborates to understand their industry client's context
- presents findings and recommendations in a professional report
- can access support throughout with online training



Make the most of your extra curriculars!

ncl+ Employability Award

Undertaking **40** hours of ncl+ activity this year?

(anything non-degree/ credit bearing activity including,
Part-time job, volunteering, internship, sports)

You can receive this University Award (on your HEAR) by:

- Applying online
- Attending 2 sessions split across the year
- Submitting 3 individual competency statements
- Receive a certificate and LinkedIn badge



Find out more and register at:
www.nusu.co.uk/skills/nclaward

ncl+ Award – student experience



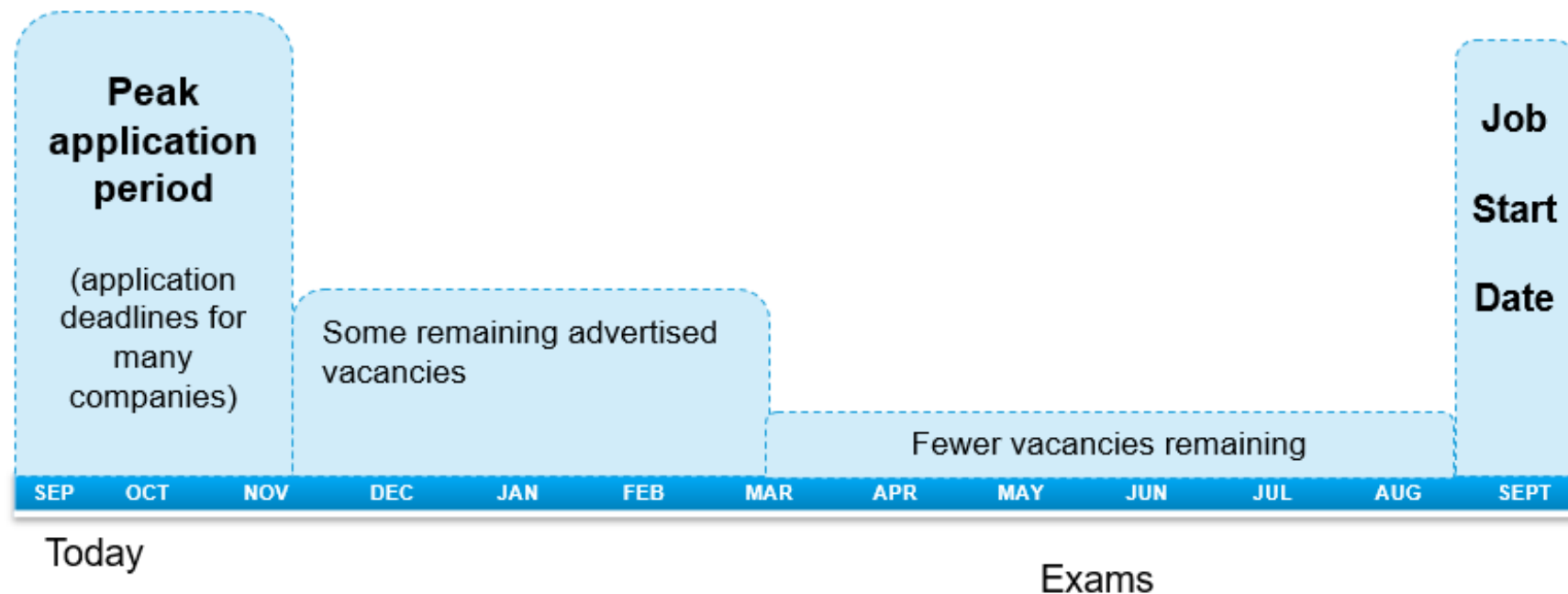
"I would highly recommend this award to every student as the experience was invaluable. The award makes you reflect on the skills you have gained and made me feel confident and more prepared to answer questions asked during interviews."

Nour, BSc Biomedical Sciences, Singapore

Hiring timelines



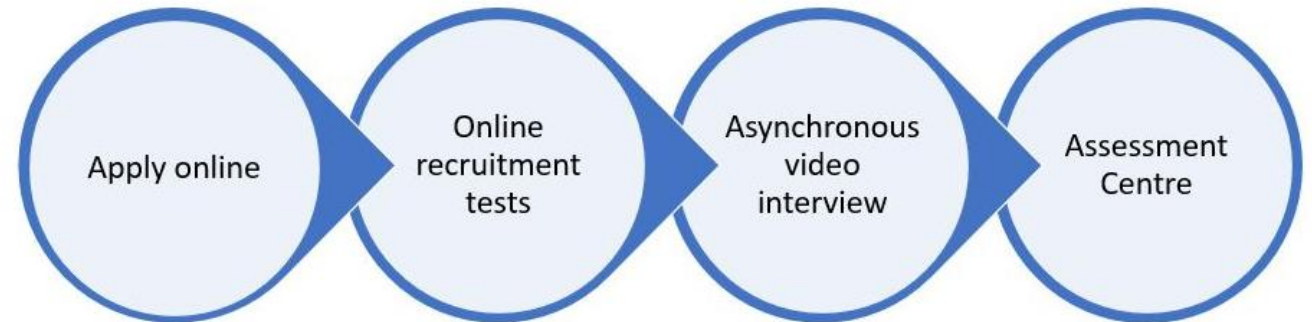
Typical application timings in the UK; internships, placements and graduate roles



All timings are approximate and can vary depending on industry and role or size of company

Graduate, placements and intern recruitment

- Recruitment process in the UK can be varied and for graduate, placements and internships they can be long! 2 months+ not unusual for bigger companies
- Part of your 'learning' is likely to be about UK recruitment processes
- There is **A LOT** of support available for you to access



What are employers saying?

- ISE – surveyed multiple graduate employers on why applicants fail to progress in their recruitment process
- Over 50% said it was because.....
- Applications were not tailored enough
- AI creating more generic applications, easy to spot

CareerSet – AI enable CV and Cover Letter support



- Doesn't replace in-person support!
- Upload CV in PDF and get detailed feedback on 30 seconds!
- Access via MyCareer>Resources

Graduates First



- **FREE** practise recruitment (psychometric) tests
- Video interview practise
- Coding tests
- How to prepare – videos
- Assessment centre exercises

Resources for international students



Join our pathways

- Login to **MyCareer** and select the **Pathways** icon on the homepage.
- Click '**Status**' then select '**Available**' to view pathways
- Select one of our pathways and click on '**Start Now**'



International Student Pathway

If you're an international student looking to gain experience, learn how to make your CV stand out, and explore your career options within or outside the UK after you graduate, then this pathway is her...



Navigating the UK Job Market

This pathway, for international students, explores practical strategies, resources and insights to improve your ability to navigate the UK graduate job market.

Employer events & networking

- **Careers and Jobs Fair 5th and 6th October**
 - Additional fair in the spring
- **Employer Connect Series**
- **And more...**
- Check out full list of events via **MyCareer**

Workshops

- Finding part-time job in the UK
- UK job searching and preparing for fairs
- Immigration routes – working in the UK post study
- Navigating the UK job market
- CV writing for the UK job market
- LinkedIn 101
- Book Via **MyCareer**

Careers and Jobs Fair 2026

- **5th and 6th October**
- Graduate Schemes/Jobs
- Placements (UG's) and Internships
- Part – time roles
- View all companies (and details of if they sponsor) on **MyCareer**

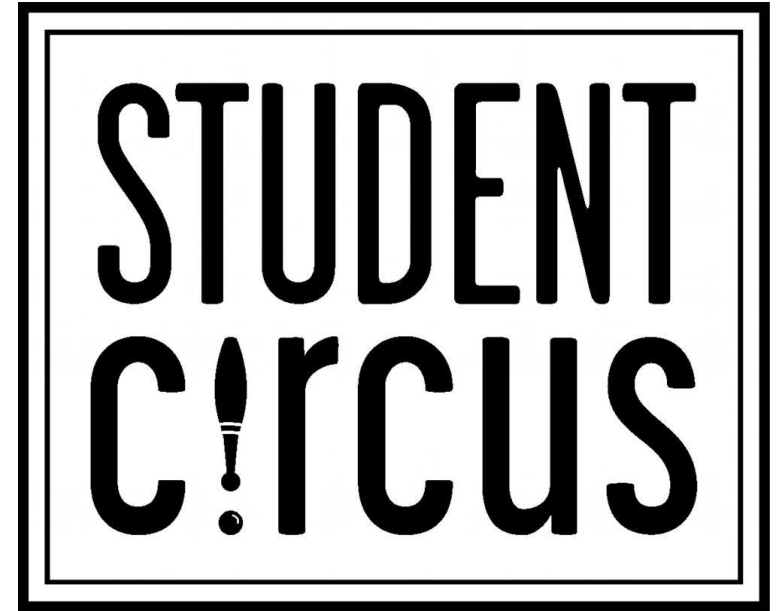


Job search platform for international students.

Use it to search for:

- vacancies from employers who sponsor visas
- internships
- placements
- part-time jobs

Register for free unlimited access at
ncl.studentcircus.com



UK job hunting and preparing for the fair with Student Circus

Monday 28th Sept at 12:00 – 13:00

How to find a part-time job (for international students)

- Work regulations and entitlements
- Strategies to search for opportunities & resources
- Information about part-time job opportunities available on campus - **Sign up via MyCareer!!!**
 - Wed 16 Sept - (14:00-15:00, Frederick Douglas G.56)
 - Tue 22 Sept - (12:00-13:00, King's Gate L1.20)
 - Wed 30 Sept - (12:00-13:00, Henry Daysh 1.09)
 - Mon 5 Oct - (12:00-13:00, Online - Teams)
 - Wed 7 Oct - in person
 - Tue 13 Oct - in person



Returning Home?

- We're also here to support you in finding graduate employment worldwide!
- Don't assume that employers will know the value of your Newcastle University qualification
- Careers Service website - Finding International Jobs



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START UP Support

Clear, practical direction on starting or growing a business, social enterprise or freelance career.

- one-to-one advice and coaching
- equity-free grant funding
- workshops and events
- online resources
- co-working space in King's Gate
- space to support retail businesses and showcase ideas

START UP support is for all students and recent graduates who want to start a UK-based business or freelance career, now or in the future, full or part-time.

Whether you're just curious, considering it or already doing it, we can help you at every stage of your start-up journey.

You can't register as self-employed on a Student Visa but can still access START UP support. When you are ready to graduate, talk to the Visa team about your options.

**Over 240
businesses
supported**

HE-BCI Survey results 2024-2025

**Turnover of
£220
million**

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**Over 1,350
jobs
created**

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Find out more



Communicating with you

- **Please....please check your emails regularly**
- Newsletters to your inbox
- School employability canvas announcements and/or newsletters
- Social Media – follow us on Instagram and X



Coming up in semester 2



China Career Gateway

Millions of students graduate from Universities in China every year in addition to thousands of students returning to China after studying overseas

How can you stand out from the competition?

Join our 4 week career programme starting in **semester 2** to...

- learn more about the **Chinese job markets**
- understand how to make **effective applications** in China
- **connect with Newcastle University graduates** and hear about their experiences finding employment in China after university
- Join our online careers fairs connecting you to **Chinese companies who want to hire you!**

How to express your interest

>Give us your details via this form on the QR code

>We'll be in touch in semester 2 to let you know when the programme is open



Asia Career Insight Series – Spring and Autumn 2027

- Online careers networking
- 4 days
- 100+ employers
- China, Hong Kong, India and South East Asia (**spring 2027**)
- In-person China Fairs (**autumn 2027**)



UK Work Culture Programme - 2027

Our UK Work Culture programme offers international students the opportunity to learn more about what it's like to work in the UK through:

- meeting and hearing from employers
- working together on group tasks
- networking with alumni
- exclusive presentations from careers staff
- and more!

We're currently taking expressions of interest for the 2027 programme, which takes place in semester 2.

Check our [international student page](#) for updates



Our top tips

1. **Bookmark our website** <https://www.ncl.ac.uk/careers/>
2. **Login and register with MyCareer**
<https://mycareer.ncl.ac.uk/unauth/student/login>
3. **Not sure what to do next?** Engage with career planning, speak to employers, discover and reflect your skills, strengths, interests
4. **Prepare for every stage** of the application process and use our support
4. **Get involved** in University life and consider gaining additional work experience during your studies
5. Engagement with career planning/careers service is **driven by you!** Think about the range of support we offer and how we can support you



To learn more, visit
ncl.ac.uk/careers

To book an appointment, visit
MyCareer.ncl.ac.uk

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