

CAREERS & EMPLOYABILITY

WHAT IS A YEAR IN INDUSTRY?

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- A year working in industry between your second and third year if an undergraduate. PGT's apply in the first year of a two year MSc
- Sometimes referred to as a 'Sandwich Year'
- Apply during your second year
- Supported through COMP221 module: Planning Your Career

IS IT WORTH IT?

YES, and for several reasons:

- Better academic performance
- Better prospects for a graduate job
- Develop and demonstrate skills employers want
- Test out the roles you think are better suited to your strengths
- Earn a salary whilst at university!



BETTER ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE

- Average mark of a Placement Year during 2020-21: 76%.
Lowest Mark on an assessment: 67%
- Research has found that final year YINI students perform better, by up to 10%. Real change in the degree classification from 2:1 to 1st
- Students who undertook a placement:
 - ✓ Are more motivated
 - ✓ Have developed time management and organisational skills
 - ✓ Pushing towards the ideal grad role
 - ✓ Apply industry knowledge to their final year



BETTER PROSPECTS FOR A GRADUATE JOB

“A survey of 274 leading British firms shows that a student with relevant work experience can earn 3 times as much money as a student with a 1st.”

- 50% of graduate recruiters said that candidates without work experience have “little or no chance of receiving a job offer” (First Graduate Market Report, 2014)
- Demonstrate with your CV that you have both technical and employability skills
- Be effective from day one!



DEVELOP THE SKILLS EMPLOYERS WANT

Technical Skills:

- Employers want competent graduates with core technical skills.
- Programming principles, not just programming skills
- Problem Solving Skills are essential
- Being able to analyse a new problem or challenge – and solve it!

Employability Skills:

- Communication skills are surprisingly difficult to find but essential to the IT Sector
- Mind set and skills set



THE PROCESS



- COMP221 builds on COMP107 to support you whilst formally searching for placements or internships in Year 2
- Students complete a period of employment in industry between their second and final years of study.
- Industrial placements typically run from summer to summer
- You are paid by the employers – typical salaries are between £15k and £22k
- The placement year is an integral part of the degree course. Formally assessed and contributes to the final degree classification (10%)

WHO FINDS THE PLACEMENT?

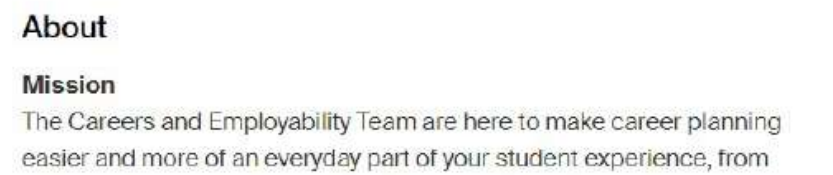
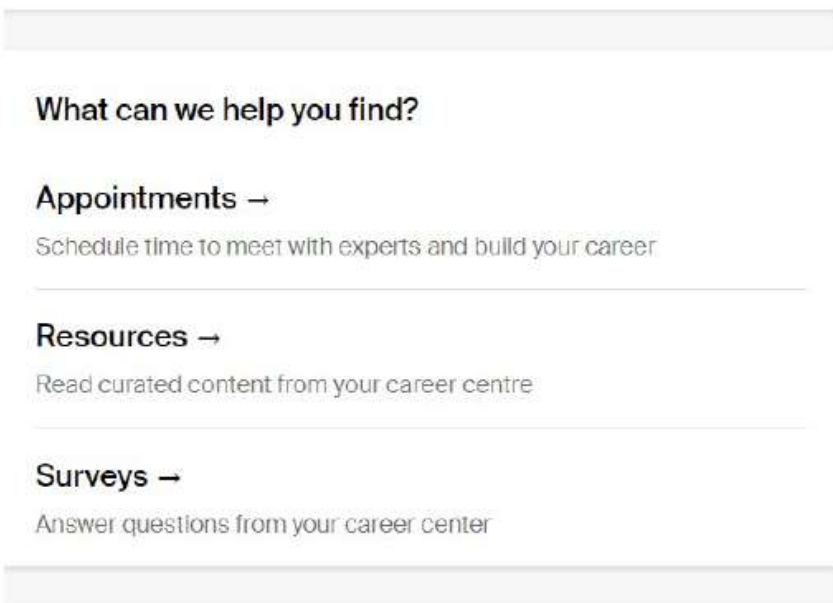
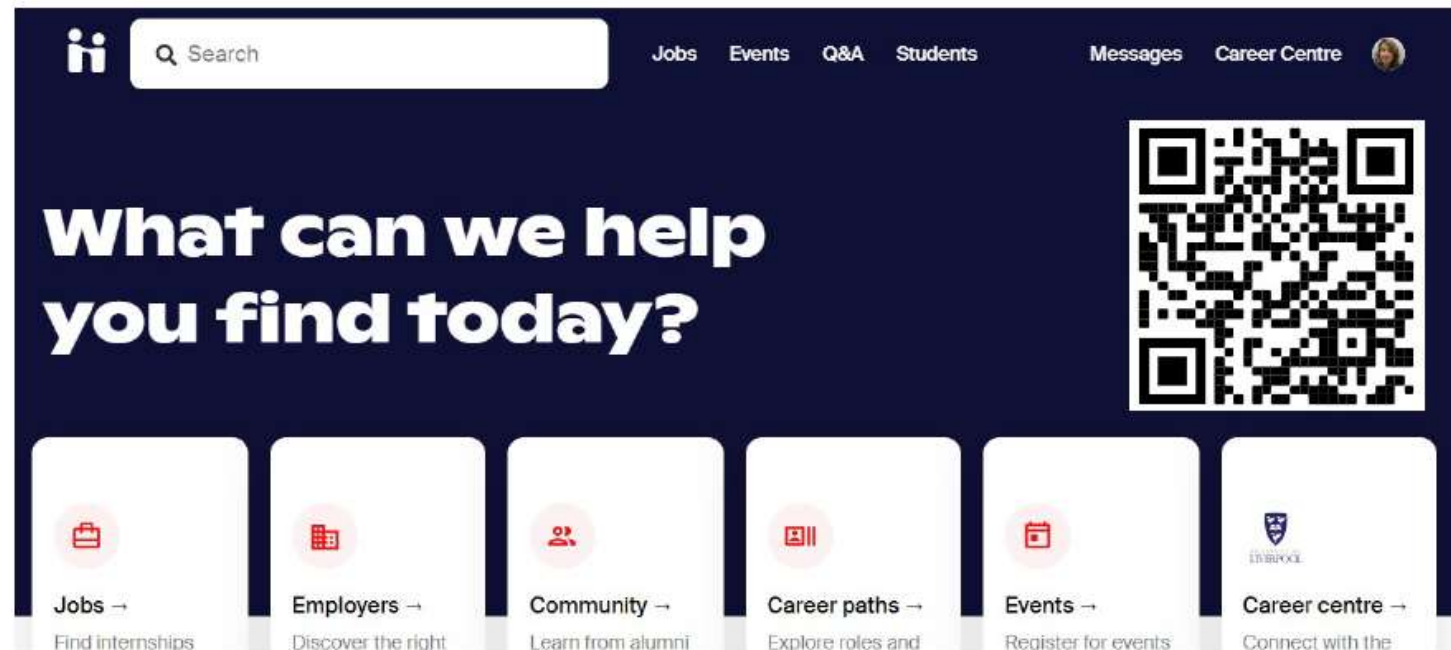


- The responsibility for finding a placement or an internship is completely on you!
- We don't find you a placement or an internship.
- We cannot guarantee you a placement
- We support and advise you but ultimately you have to apply for jobs
- It's a learning process: You learn by applying!
- Careers and Employability will support you with CVs, Applications and Interview techniques.

WHAT ARE EMPLOYERS LOOKING FOR?

- Companies expect a 2:1 equivalent or above. Your performance through the year matters. Average over 60%
- Employers seek employable students. Students who are driven, motivated, proactive and passionate who show initiative
- Students who are knowledgeable.
 - ✓ The company ethos and values
 - ✓ Possess 'soft skills' as well as technical knowledge
- They can pick and choose, give them a reason to choose you!





SAVE THE DATE

Careers events coming up in semester one



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SEP

Part-time jobs fair

04
OCT

Employability day

18
OCT

LivUni Careers fair



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And people that
make history

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