Postgraduate placements

Employing a University of Leicester postgraduate student on a placement can provide your organisation with extra resource and fresh enthusiasm.

Recruiting a postgraduate placement student can offer you:

- access to high level thinking and knowledge
- cost effective recruitment solution
- a skills gap or vacancy filled without a long term commitment
- extra resources to work on a specific project or task

Our postgraduate programmes

We have students from all corners of the world, meaning you can make use of their international expertise, language skills and knowledge of emerging overseas markets. Students in the following subjects can take a postgraduate placement:

- Engineering
- Informatics (computer science)
- Mathematics
- Geography

What employers say

"I wanted to thank you again for your support and for making this possible, it's been our most successful year in terms of getting high quality students for industrial placements. I look forward to working with the students and I also look forward to continue working with you and hopefully making next year an even bigger success."

Ricardo Pimenta, Taylor Hobson Ltd

"9/10 technical ability and 9/10 attitude and effort while on placement. We have offered Yash a project for his dissertation, and also offered him a conditional place on the graduate program. He has written a standard for capability of surface finish. He created MXS011, has updated the Rolls-Royce Gauge Guide and made major contributions to the Rolls Royce Engineering Standard."

Simon Gough-Rundle, Rolls-Royce

What students say

"I got an internship offer from Jadu. Without the help and support of the employability tutors at Leicester, it would not have been possible, so I am very thankful. The sessions were great, they taught us a lot of things, and we were guided really well through the process."

Shatadbi, on placement at Jadu
How it works
A postgraduate placement can take place in the UK or abroad and we have placed students in a wide variety of organisations from large multi-nationals to local SMEs.

- Opportunities are advertised throughout the academic year as we have students available to start from January and June.
- Placement roles can be targeted at certain subject areas or courses.
- The recruitment process can be managed by you or with our support.
- You make an offer of employment to the student and agree to work in partnership with the University to support the student during their placement.
- Roles can be for between 3 and 12 months depending on the student's degree.
- We ask that students receive a salary for their work and contribution to the company.
- Our students are fully prepared ahead of joining you through Placement Preparation modules.

What we ask of you
Working in your organisation can be a hugely rewarding and enriching experience for a student.

It offers them a chance to gain professional skills, get hands-on experience and open up new career possibilities.

With that in mind, during their time with you, we ask that our placement students can have:

- Access to a mentor and regular discussions with their line manager (or a named contact).
- Opportunities to undertake specific projects.
- Opportunities for training and development to boost their understanding in required areas.
- Time for feedback and reflection to consolidate their workplace learning.

Working with you
As experienced recruitment professionals, our aim is to work with you to ensure you attract the best candidates for your organisation. We will support you through the recruitment process depending on your needs by:

- Helping to identify your role requirements.
- Promoting opportunities in your organisation, including targeted advertising.
- Supporting you in collating applications.
- Assisting with interview arrangements, including on-campus interview facilities.
- Advising on placement offers and associated due diligence.

We will also continue to support you and our students during their placement including:

- A dedicated Placement Supervisor from the academic School.
- In-person or Skype visits over the course of the placement.

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