



Careers Masterclass

Work Experience, Extra-curricular, Networking

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To recap:

- Recruiters are looking for hard and soft skills
- Soft skills such as communication, time management, problem solving....
- On your CV you will need to be able to evidence all the skills the employer is looking for, by giving examples

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What we will cover:

- Why should you get work experience?
- What type of experience should you get?
- Why you should network
- LinkedIn

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Why should you get work experience?

‘In this highly-competitive graduate jobs market, new graduates who've not had any work experience during their time at university have little chance of landing a well-paid job with a leading employer, irrespective of the university they've attended or the academic results they achieve’ Martin Birchall, High Fliers

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Why should you get work experience?

- It will help you build your skills further
- It will provide you with useful examples for your CV, to evidence certain skills
- It will make you a well-rounded person and candidate

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It doesn't need to be work as such, it could be any of the following:

- Internship
- Part-time Job
- Active role within Student Society
- Active role within sports club or other hobbies and activities
- Volunteering
- Work Shadowing
- Attending Employer and Networking Events
- Personal projects

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Gaining Experience :

- Qtemps – for part-time roles on and off campus
- Jobsonline (Careers website) for part-time jobs and internships
- QM Students Union for volunteering opportunities
- We will send out newsletters with opportunities via QMPlus
- Other job websites (mentioned in the job hunting session)

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What is Networking?

‘The action or process of interacting with others to exchange information and develop professional or social contacts.’

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Why networking is important ?

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*Survey by LinkedIn revealed that **85% of Jobs are filled through networking!***



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Why use LinkedIn?

- Gain exposure to Hiring Managers and Recruiters
- Demonstrate your knowledge, credibility and leadership expertise
- Use LinkedIn as a research tool
- LinkedIn has a great job board
- You can gain social proof for your skills and talents
- Find alumni or employees in specific companies
- Reach out to people and make connections
- Follow Companies / Join Groups



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