

Useful Websites for International Students

Careers & Employability Service

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MMU International

Can help with information about:

Applications, scholarships, exchanges, study abroad, immigration, welfare, support and visa advice.

International Enquiries Team are based in the All Saints Student Information Point, (Ground Floor, All Saints Building)

9.00-4.30pm Monday to Friday

Tel: +44(0)161 247 1022

Email: international@mmu.ac.uk

www.mmu.ac.uk/international

If you need an appointment for the Immigration and Welfare Unit to check your completed visa extension application telephone +44(0)161 247 1026 or make an appointment at the Student Information Point.

The MMU International Team also offers an outreach service during term time at MMU Cheshire. Use contact info above for further details.

The International Society

Looking after the welfare of international students at all the universities across Manchester and promoting positive international relations, the society runs a programme of events and activities for international students.

<http://orgs.man.ac.uk/intsoc/>

UK NARIC

The National Recognition Information Centre is the official UK source for comparing international qualifications with their UK equivalents.

www.naric.org.uk

Tel: +44 (0) 870 9904088

The NARIC service can confirm how international qualifications compare with UK qualifications.

Making the most of your time in the UK

Enhance your experience of life in the UK, improve your English language skills and boost your CV:

Consider volunteering:

www.mmu.ac.uk/volunteering – MMU's volunteer bureau.

Join a Society:

www.mmunion.co.uk – Click on Activities and look at the Societies on offer at MMU.

Look for part-time work:

www.mmu.ac.uk/careers/coves - look for part-time jobs and placements

Look at our MMU handouts on part time work and work experience (available in the Careers Room) and online at: <http://www.mmu.ac.uk/careers/guides/>

You could apply to be a Student Ambassador within the university:
Contact jobs4students@mmu.ac.uk to register.

Information about Working in the UK after your studies and Visa issues

One of the biggest barriers to international graduates finding work in the UK on graduation is employers' lack of understanding of the legal position for employing you! Make sure that you are informed and can pass on the relevant information to employers:-

Home Office

www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/employers

Gives information and support aimed at employers
Sponsorship and Employers' Helpline: 0845 010 6677

www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/workingintheuk

Explains the new points-based system.
Immigration Enquiry Bureau 0870 606 7766

www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/workingintheuk/tier1/poststudy/

These pages give information about the Tier One Post-study work category which many international graduates are eligible to apply for. This gives details of the scheme which allows international graduates to work for up to 2 years in the UK after their studies before transferring to another Tier of the Points-based system or returning home.

UKCISA: The Council for International Student Affairs (formerly UKCOSA)

www.ukcisa.org.uk/student/index.php

This organisation provides a range of information services to international students studying in the UK about living and working in the UK, immigration and finance matters.

They have a very useful website and a telephone advice service is also available for questions that are not covered on the website or in the guidance notes.

Their telephone advice line is open from 1:00-4:00pm (British time) Monday to Friday.

Tel: +44 (0) 020 7107 9922

www.workpermit.com

Information about global immigration

Prospects website – the UK's official graduate website

www.prospects.ac.uk/links/intlstudents

Job-hunting in the UK

Visit MMU Careers & Employability website for the latest careers events
www.mmu.ac.uk/careers/events

Look at our placements/jobs/workshops/events service.
www.mmu.ac.uk/careers/coves

MMU handouts which may be of interest to you include:-

“*Job Vacancy Websites including Graduate Schemes*” and “*How to find Local Vacancies*”

- ask at the Reception desk at All Saints or look online:

www.mmu.ac.uk/careers/guides

Look out for forthcoming careers fairs:

www.mmu.ac.uk/careers/events

Some may be particularly relevant to you – e.g. there is often an Ethnic Diversity fair and a Chinese fair in the autumn term.

In addition you could look at the following (be aware that employer information can change at any time):

Leicester University Careers Service Survey of UK Employers who have previously employed international students:-

<http://www2.le.ac.uk/offices/ssds/sd/careers/is/getting-a-job/directory-emps>

Loughborough University’s database of UK companies who have regularly employed international students

www.lboro.ac.uk/service/careers/section/internat/employers.html

International jobs online – online vacancies and careers information site which aims to bring together UK educated international students (European and overseas) and graduate employers.

www.careers.lon.ac.uk/ijo

Creative Job search in the UK

You may need to take a creative approach to your job search in the UK – e.g. target companies with trade links to your home country who may be interested in your language skills. You could also look at big companies with global operations and offices in a variety of countries. You may find some of the following sites helpful with this:

Visit the website of your own embassy, to see whether it contains information about trade links. www.fco.gov.uk/en/ (download the PDF document Foreign Embassies in the UK – listed under “quick links”)

Yellow pages site listing companies in UK. Searchable by company name, region, type of business undertaken etc. www.yell.com

Government organisation which aims to help UK companies to export abroad. The site provides information on overseas countries and sectors.

www.uktradeinvest.gov.uk

World Chambers of Commerce Site. Umbrella organisation for hundreds of national and regional chambers of commerce across the globe. Many of the chambers list individual company members (some using searchable databases)

www.worldchambers.com

Annual survey of the top-performing companies around the world, including specific sections for different regions (Europe, USA, Japan, Asia-Pacific) and within these companies listed by sector

www.ft.com/reports/ft5002008

Job Hunting Abroad

Many international students return to their home country after their studies. If you decide to do this you will need to research the job market for graduates in your home country, which may be very different to the job market in the UK. In particular, you will need to know about the general time scale for job applications, vacancy sources, the methods of applying for jobs, CV/ job application / interview format.

If you return to your home country for vacations as a student it may be a good idea to use this time strategically to find out about the job market situation, make contact with employers or even undertake work experience in your chosen career field.

Some of the following information may also be of interest to home students wanting to work outside the UK.

<http://prospects.thecareersgroup.co.uk/>

Links to current graduate vacancies all over the world

www.prospects.ac.uk/links/abroad

Gives country specific information for over 50 countries.

A website for graduate opportunities worldwide

www.internationalgraduate.net

NASES – a range of information for international students including detailed country profiles

www.nases.org.uk/students

A worldwide recruitment consultancy who also organise job fairs for Africa, Asia and Russia

www.globalcareercompany.com

<http://online.usacareerguides.com>.

Information about resources to help with your job search in a range of countries.

www.graduan.com.my Careers and resource site for Malaysian graduates

<http://gradasia.com/> Jobs, careers and information site

www.careerforum.net – Careers site for bilingual Japanese-English graduates

www.embassyworld.com - Directory and search engine of the world's embassies and consulates.

For a more complete list of useful international job search websites see our MMU leaflet “Working Abroad” available in the Careers Information Room or look online:

www.mmu.ac.uk/careers/guides

British Council

The UK's international organisation, with offices around the world, promotes educational opportunities and cultural relations.

www.britishcouncil.org

Country specific British Council web pages can be found at

www.britishcouncil.org/home/home-contact/home-contact-worldwide.htm.

These pages contain information on local news, funding opportunities and alumni groups. Some countries' British Council offices have job agencies and alumni organisations to help international graduates returning from the UK to find employment.