

CAREERS



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SUPPORTING YOUR AMBITION, DEVELOPING YOUR EXPERIENCE

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WELCOME TO CAREERS

The University integrates career planning directly into your curriculum, i.e. your day-to-day teaching, and will directly enable you to develop employability skills, clarify your career goals, secure work experience, and ultimately help you achieve a graduate-level job that you are proud of.

AWARD WINNING CAREERS SUPPORT AND GUIDANCE

CAREERS & PLACEMENT APPOINTMENTS

Our professional careers consultants and placement coordinators can help you with: [exploring your career options](#), making decisions, job hunting, applying for roles (including [CV and application checks](#)), mock interviews & more!

Our confidential and impartial guidance is available to YOU no matter where you are in your career journey. Our [flexible service](#) can be accessed face-to-face and remotely.

We have won numerous awards for our approach to student employability, including "Best Supporting Student/ Graduate Employability" Award at the [AGCAS Awards for Excellence 2020](#). We are also pleased to have met the [AGCAS Quality Standard](#).

24/7 DIGITAL CAREERS SUPPORT

To help you get a head start, you can access and subscribe to a raft of digital resources including:

- Our [Careers Website](#) hosts all factual information and an [array of advice](#),
- Our [Careers blog](#) for student, industry, and employer insights and stories,
- [MyJobsOnline](#) - our online platform where you can book appointments, explore events, and browse the latest job opportunities,
- [Careers 24/7](#) - once you're a student, you can enroll on our dedicated Careers Blackboard site for the latest slides & info,
- [Placements Online Training](#) - further support and flexible learning for those on a professional placement year,
- A range of [digital career tools](#) to support your employability and development.



WE RUN OVER 400 EVENTS AND WORKSHOPS PER YEAR



OVER 5,000 ONE-TO-ONE CAREER COACHING APPOINTMENTS EACH YEAR



WE WELCOME OVER 350 EMPLOYERS ONTO CAMPUS OR INTO WEBINARS



6 MAJOR CAREERS FAIRS EACH YEAR, PLUS SMALLER SECTOR-SPECIFIC FAIRS

"I went from having no experience and no idea what I wanted to do after university, to having secured & undertaken work experience & an internship, with another lined up for summer, all in just a few months." - [BSc Geography Student](#)

HELPING YOU COMPETE FOR SUCCESS

As well as your degree, work experience and development opportunities really help give Reading students an advantage in the world of work. There are a range of initiatives available to help you get that edge!

SECTOR SPECIFIC SUPPORT

In addition to introducing you to leading national graduate recruiters we also host a series of themed career weeks, including:

- Marketing, Media & Communications Week,
- Postgraduate Study Week,
- Social Impact Week,
- Science, Health & Environment Week,
- Creative & Culture Week.

Activities during these weeks are open to students from all disciplines, to encourage you to explore as many career options as possible, regardless of your chosen course.

WE'LL SUPPORT YOU IN:

- preparing for year-long placements, including supporting around 2000 mandatory and credit-bearing placements each year,
- achieving our Reading Experience and Development Award,
- connecting with a professional mentor through our THRIVE mentoring scheme,
- giving you the opportunity to try out being a paid researcher with our Undergraduate Research Opportunities Programme (UROP),
- finding internships and part-time work, including sourcing exclusive paid internships for Reading students through the Reading Internship Scheme,
- running our online course Career Smart over the summer before your final year to ensure you can hit the ground running once autumn recruitment starts.

"I am very thankful that the University holds an annual Careers and Placements Fair, and plan to go once again in my third year to find a potential Graduate Job...." - BSc Geography student

"Having an opportunity to gain work experience is so important as it equips you with the skills needed for future employment." - BSc Consumer Behaviour and Marketing Graduate

GRADUATION AND BEYOND

We know that your final year of study is likely to be when you feel most under pressure about your future, so we provide dedicated support for finalists.


We don't stop there! Once you've graduated you will have access to dedicated alumni career support for 24 months after graduation.

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