



Employer Engagement

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**Connect
Engage
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Welcome to the University of Leeds

From local SMEs to international organisations, we can help you connect with, engage and employ our talented students and graduates. We are consistently in the top 10 most targeted universities in the UK, as rated by *The Times* top 100 companies. This brochure will guide you through the opportunities available here at Leeds.

The University is a founding member of the Russell Group of leading research-intensive institutions in the UK and we rank in the top 100 universities in the world. 32,000 students from 146 countries study with us on one of the UK's largest single campuses, in the heart of Leeds.

We have one of the widest ranges of degree programmes in the UK. Whatever your sector or industry we have a diversely skilled student and graduate population able to meet the needs of your organisation.

32,000
students

7,500
International students

Top 10
employer targeted university

4,000
graduate jobs advertised every year

250
employer events on campus annually

1,700
placement and internships promoted every year

Top 100
QS World Rankings

220,000
global alumni network

Faculty of Arts
5,680 students

Faculty of Biological Sciences
2,300 students

Faculty of Business
3,170 students

Faculty of Engineering
3,520 students

Faculty of Environment
2,020 students

Faculty of Mathematics and Physical Sciences
2,570 students

Faculty of Medicine and Health
6,060 students

Faculty of Performance, Visual Arts and Communication
2,880 students

Faculty of Social Sciences, Education and Law
4,200 students





Employer guidance



Our dedicated Employer Engagement Team provides a comprehensive portfolio of services to help raise your profile on campus, enabling you to connect with, engage and employ our students. The University of Leeds' strength comes from its combination of size, quality and diversity, but we understand that can make it difficult to know where to start! To help you connect with the right students and graduates for your business, we work with colleagues across the University to offer:

Advertising Service

You can advertise your opportunities on our online vacancy system which is accessible to all students and recent graduates. We can also help you with targeted recruitment campaigns.

Careers Fairs

A favourite amongst employers with whom we work, careers fairs are the ideal opportunity to meet our students face to face. We have a range of general and sector-specific fairs across the academic year to support the promotion of your opportunities.

Targeted events exclusively for you

We offer bespoke events throughout the year to suit the requirements of your organisation. Hosting an event on campus will raise your profile with a specific audience who we feel would be interested in your brand, work experience opportunities and graduate roles.

Digital Marketing

We understand that your online presence is a very important part of your recruitment strategy. We can work with you to support your online campaigns across a range of social media platforms.

Sponsorship

Our sponsorship offers are tailored to enhance the profile of your organisation. You can sponsor key events, high-profile institutional awards and student societies. Our Employer Engagement Team can recommend the best option for you and your business.



We've filled everything from internships to recruiting graduates for our entry-level roles, so attending events at the University of Leeds is a great chance for us to meet local students who are really eager to find out more about work experience and career options. Fairs are well organised and a great opportunity to meet face to face with dynamic students who could make a significant contribution and ultimately become the future leaders of our business.

Caroline Parkinson,
Sky Betting and Gaming




The Employer Engagement Team is committed to working flexibly with you. Whether you wish to organise an on-campus event, a workshop, or create a bespoke work placement, we will develop tailored engagement programmes to serve your needs.

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Please contact a member of the Employer Liaison Team at

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Placements and Internships

Engaging with University of Leeds students through placements and internships provides you with a great opportunity to access talented, enthusiastic individuals. We support and prepare hundreds of our students to undertake placements and internships all over the world.

We can:

- advertise your placements and internships to students and graduates
- work with you to design new work experience programmes which benefit your organisation and support your recruitment campaign
- help you target students from subject areas of particular relevance to your business
- create exclusive placement and internship programmes with your organisation.



FAQ:

What's the difference between a placement and internship?

Undergraduate Placement Year:

This is recognised as part of a student's degree. After completing a minimum of nine months full-time work students will return to the University for their final year.

Internship: These usually last for a shorter period with both undergraduates and recent graduates taking part. Internships are most commonly undertaken during the summer break but can also be part-time during the academic year.



We have been working with the University of Leeds to recruit undergraduate students for internships since 2009. We want to give students the opportunity to experience what it's like to work at one of the world's leading consumer goods companies and work on genuine business projects alongside Unilever managers. We feel the financial investment is outweighed by the contribution the interns made to the business in terms of improved processes, efficiency gains and the implementation of environmental initiatives. Working closely with the University has meant that we are supported throughout the process.

**Kirsten Wood,
Unilever Seacroft**



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Preparing our students

From the day our students arrive we work with them to develop the skills and attributes they will need to succeed in their chosen career path. We work closely with employers to deliver this support and to make sure our advice is current and responsive to your needs. Every student has access to comprehensive career information and advice such as:

- one-to-one careers guidance
- mock interviews
- CV and application support
- dedicated career planning modules
- skills sessions.

Through this support, our students are motivated and prepared to connect and engage with the opportunities you provide.



Chloe Allan

BA Graphic and Communication Design

Chloe presented her design for food packaging to M&S and was chosen to undertake a work placement year with them in London.

“The University links with industry are very good; the partnership with M&S has certainly benefited me. And having the M&S Company Archive on campus is great. It is really interesting to be able to come and look at the displays and use them for research – I find it inspiring.”



Saad Ali

MEng, BEng Mechanical Engineering

Each year three students are recruited to complete an eight-week summer placement at Toyota-Boshoku in Japan which is fully funded by alumnus Dr Shoichiro Toyoda.

“Working for a multinational company and immersing myself in Japanese culture was a hugely profound life experience.

During the week, I was helping my team develop a cutting edge technology to make the production of car door interiors more environmentally friendly and cost effective. The next day, I was out with my colleagues by the bank of a river watching the dark blue sky filled with fifteen thousand fireworks.”

As a Leeds graduate myself I strongly believe that we need to be doing all we can to offer students opportunities to develop their skills, gain new experiences and get involved in the wider community. In a relatively short space of time, our intern made a real difference to the work that we do.

**Rob Greenland,
Leeds Empties**

Working together with our Alumni



Career Profile at the Leeds Network

There's no substitute for first-hand accounts of career progression, realistic advice about breaking into an industry or insightful tips for career advancement. Inspiring students to take the next step in their career planning by sharing your experiences is extremely beneficial to students or recent graduates from every discipline. The Leeds Network is a secure online database of Leeds alumni who have given details about their careers. Access to your profile is restricted to students and recent graduates and your email address will not be given out. Once registered, there are two ways to take part in the Leeds Network:

1. You can offer guidance and support to students by answering careers-related questions from students via email
2. You can provide a one-off profile of you and your career development, but students will not contact you directly

Placements and Internships

Offering students a placement or internship allows them to gain valuable work experience which is crucial in today's competitive job market. Working closely with us, you will receive dedicated support throughout the process enabling you to make the most of the opportunity for your business.

Sharing your expertise

Working alongside academics in a school or faculty can bring an external perspective to our degree programmes. This collaborative method of working enables academics and industry experts to contribute to academic content, and respond to the future needs of the industry.

NEXT STEPS

If you can help work together to improve the prospects of our students, please contact the Alumni and Development team at

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Working together with the voluntary and community sector

Every year, over 3,000 of our students volunteer. If you would like to benefit from our tremendous band of skilled and enthusiastic volunteers, we have a dedicated volunteering team, which is able to offer guidance and support on suitable roles, as well as top tips on how to support student volunteers. If you work for a UK-based charity, community group or public sector organisation we can advertise your vacancies.

NEXT STEPS

Please contact a member of the Volunteering team at

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Having student volunteers as part of our team is brilliant because they are extremely skilled, passionate and enthusiastic, which brings a certain dynamism to our groups. We get volunteers from many different courses, which brings a wide variety of different perspectives and skills to our services.

**Chris Verney,
Better Leeds Communities**

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Working together with Schools

Our Students into Schools programme operates across Leeds and West Yorkshire to help raise the attainment and aspirations of young people. The students support a range of educational interventions tailored to each school's needs.

Students can offer 1:1 tutoring support, classroom assistance and support with developing educational resources. We can also discuss options to develop internships and work placements allowing you to access students and graduates with experience and a passion to pursue a career in education.

NEXT STEPS

Please contact a member of the Students into Schools team to request an information pack at

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