

# Internships and placements

LBIC and Brunel University London are committed to helping our students develop essential employability skills and progress to a graduate level job. Internships and placements help you gain the all-important hands-on industry experience that is directly relevant to your degree, adding more value to your degree once you graduate.

### Why an internship?

- Companies often use their internship schemes as a means of filling permanent positions, recruiting up to 70 per cent of their interns.
- Build your skills, knowledge and personal attributes.
- Increase your self confidence.
- Build your knowledge of graduate recruitment by applying and being interviewed for an internship.
- Find out more about a particular industry, job role or career path.
- Make valuable contacts for networking.
- Have excellent experience to add to your CV and your Higher Education Achievement Report (HEAR).
- A chance for a potential future employer to get to know you and for you to showcase your skills.

### Why a placement?

- Increase your knowledge: gain new perspectives, experience and enhance skills that can only be achieved on a placement.
- Achieve a better degree: evidence clearly shows that a student who does a placement year achieves better final results than those who don't.
- Develop key skills: a great opportunity to develop proven personal and social skills within a workplace environment.
- Make better career choices: discover more career options and find out if you will truly enjoy working in a particular career before finishing your degree.
- Get a graduate job: gain a competitive edge by building real contacts and boosting your CV. Employers do value employees with more work experience.
- Broaden your horizons: a superb opportunity to travel, learn a new language and experience another culture when you undertake a placement overseas.
- Earn while you study: many placements offer competitive wages and are paid well.



Get a graduate job – gain a competitive edge, build real contacts and boost your CV.





# Our employer links

### Current work placement employers include

- Adidas
- Air France
- British Airways
- Enterprise
- General Electric (GE)
- Grant Thornton
- IBM
- Lloyds TSB
- MARS • Microsoft
- Morgan Stanley

- National Rail
- Nissan
- PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC)
- Walt Disney Corporation
- Warner Bros

### Current work placement roles include

- Central Insurance
- Credit Risk Analyst
- E-Marketing Specialist
- Finance Analyst
- Format Development Intern
- International Marketing Trainee
- Product Manager
- Project Support Officer Sales Excellence Intern
- Trainee HR Administrator
- Over 90% of our graduates are in work or further education six months after graduating

# Added value included within the tuition fee

## **Brunel Business Life Employability Programme**

If you are studying in London, on a course more than 12 months, and you have paid your course fees in full; then you are eligible for the University's Business Life Employability Programme.

- Brunel's Business Life programme is a unique professional development programme that helps to ensure all our students have the skills and competencies needed to develop and enter their desired careers either whilst studying or for the future.
- Our intention is to ensure that we support our student's future success by helping them explore different career directions.
- · Business and Management degrees can open up doors to wellpaid careers in Accountancy or Investment Banking. You also have options in Marketing, Media, HR and Retail Management.

# Progression to industry

With our strong focus on employability, Brunel is proud to have one of the highest graduate starting salaries in the UK. Over 90 per cent of our undergraduates and postgraduates are in work or further education six months after graduating.

Most of our undergraduate courses offer the one year 'thick sandwich' or placement year. We have found that undergraduate students who did the placements were five per cent more likely to be employed and their starting salary was an average of £3,720 higher. Please contact us at info@lbic.brunel.ac.uk for further information on placement options.

## Salary range for Brunel graduates

Degree subject	Average graduate salary		
Accounting, Economics and Finance	£25,722 per year		
Business Studies	£21,007 per year		
Civil Engineering	£23,667 per year		
Computer Science	£22,311 per year		
Engineering	£26,542 per year		
HR	£24,333 per year		
Law	£20,719 per year		
Maths	£25,902 per year		
Mechanical Engineering	£24,337 per year		

# Want to know more? Visit our website: brunel.ac.uk/lbic

### Skills development pathways

- · Commercial awareness: business guest lectures, (international) business tours
- Soft skills: networking, conflict resolution, leadership skills, team work, time management
- · Administrative skills: Prince2 Foundation and PR actioner certificate, minute writing, meetings
- · ICT skills: Microsoft Excel introduction, intermediate and advanced

Business Life Qualifications	, +	Employability skills	=	Career prospects
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