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Navigating the UK job market as an international student
Meet The Founders

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From ex-international students to entrepreneurs.

Co-founded an award-winning job search platform for international students in the UK & EU, reaching 80K+ students
The Journey so far..

Enhancing international student employability

Our 45+ Partner Institutions across UK & EU
Global Career Companion for international students across the globe
Tailored features of the platform

- Skilled Worker Visa
- Jobs in UK
- Jobs in 32+ Home Countries
- Job Seeker’s Toolkit
- Country Guides
- Immigration Guides
- Workshops & webinar
Sign-up

4 simple steps

1. Go to york.studentcircus.com
2. Enter your ‘ac.uk’ email ID
3. Click on the verification link in your email
4. Log back in and complete profile
The UK Job Application Process: Components

- **Online Application:** CV, Cover Letter, Work Samples
- **Online Assessments:** Psychometric/Aptitude Tests
- **Assessment Centres:** Group exercises, presentations, simulation
- **Interviews:** Strength-based, panel, case interviews
The UK Graduate Job Market: Trends

In an uncertain economy & inflationary environment, show your value proposition.

Work experience in any form is valued; pitch your transferable skills.

Popular soft skills in 2022–23: Project Management, Data Literacy, Technical Writing, Content Creation.
What are the right jobs for International Students?

- Millions of Graduate Roles
- 60,000 visa Sponsor
- Are all 60,000 hiring you?

Filtered Graduate Opportunities

Skilled Worker Visa Sponsors
How to find relevant opportunities?

Documents

Register of Worker and Temporary Worker licensed sponsors

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Tips: Research the company

01
Read their website, social media, and newsletters

02
Explore company tenets/vision/mission/candidate competencies. Read FAQs on the job posting

03
Track any recent news or events about the company

04
Find out more about the company as an employer on platforms like Glassdoor

Learn More:
https://studentcircus.com/blog/how-to-research-about-a-company-before-applying-for-a-job-there
Tips: Avoid basic mistakes in the application process

01
Proofread your answers and emails

02
Customise your application to the role

03
Apply sooner rather than later.

04
DO NOT leave it to the last minute

Golden Rule: Customise your job applications

The most common reasons that stop students from getting the jobs that they apply for:

- Application not tailored to the role: 53.0%
- Poorly written applications: 38.0%
- Poor performance at interview: 37.0%
- Poor performance in tests: 32.0%
- Poor performance in assessment centres: 32.0%
- Do not meet the essential requirements: 27.0%
- Lack of work experience: 19.0%
- Do not meet enough of the desirable requirements: 12.0%
- Spelling and grammar errors: 7.0%
- Late application: 6.0%
- Missing cover letter: 2.0%
- Other: 5.0%
- Don’t know: 6.0%

Institute of Student Employers

Proportion of employers
Securing UK Work Experience

**Internships**
These are often voluntary opportunities you undertake because to gain professional experience..

**Work Shadowing**
Accompanying and observing “day in the life” of a professional to understand their work profile and role.

**Student Societies**
Taking up leadership roles in student societies or student unions can be a great addition to your CV, network, and skills.

**Placements**
up to year-long programmes that take place between the penultimate and final years of your degree.

**Work Experience Schemes**
Such schemes or programmes are usually in the nature of traineeships or apprenticeship schemes.

**Volunteering**
Volunteering is offering your skills or undertaking unskilled work with no expectation of remuneration.
Success Stories
What do students have to say

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“A very important tool is practicing online tests. These practice tests really helped me. After a little practice, they are really doable and I felt better prepared to dive into the application process after honing my skills.”

Jessica Pagel
Graduate Audit Trainee
Success Stories
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“I have visited my careers services once every year when the academic session began. I would definitely recommend doing that. I used to submit my CV and get their advice on it regularly.”

Christy Simanjuntak
Global Credit Analyst HSBC
“It is important to give yourself some time to finish the online tests. Do not rush them. They are not necessarily difficult; you just have to be calm during the process.”

Sokdaneth Long
Audit Associate
How can international students get a headstart?

“International students use their global experiences and are eager to get things done. We have found that many candidates have this mentality of using their international experiences across the globe in their work.”

Dhruvin Patel
Optometrist & Founder, Ocushield®
Thank you & Good luck!

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