

Returning Home & Working Overseas

If you are an international student planning to return to your home country after finishing your course, or you want to find work in another country outside of the UK, you may find the resources on this page useful.

As a Career Development Service the information, advice and guidance we give regarding CVs, applications and interviews is tailored to the UK job market. However, to support students who are looking to work overseas, we have compiled and subscribed to a number of different resources which can help you find international opportunities, learn more about international job markets and find out more about applications processes for different countries.



GradConnection is a resource for international students looking to find Graduate and Internship positions around the world. By registering with GradConnection, job opportunities can be matched to you based on your nationality and your degree to show you career opportunities you may not be aware of.



GoinGlobal is an online jobs and internships database which gives students free access to the latest vacancies worldwide, in addition it provides comprehensive country profiles which include job hunting/CV ([Access GoinGlobal from off campus](#))

Top Tips from Recruiters

Advice for international students who plan to return to their home countries for work.

- Research the trends and talent demands in the job market of your home country and region (e.g. which disciplines are most needed). Target job positions suitable to your degree and work experience. Not all jobs need an MBA or Master's degree, and employers hesitate to pay for the skills or experience that they don't need.
- Keep watching for online and campus opportunities for your target home employers and attend the campus talks held by international and multinational companies. Don't miss the deadlines. Remember you are competing with potentially millions of fresh graduates at home.
- Think about second-tier cities. Most returnees choose metropolitan (e.g. Beijing, Shanghai) for their first job. However second-tier and third-tier cities need more talents and thus offer greater chance of career development.
- Manage your expectation on the starting pay and nature of job. Prove your value before asking for more.

General Resources

- [Entrypark](#) provide an international career book as well as jobs, articles, online career days and a monthly member newsletter.
- [GradLink UK](#) is a specialist careers website designed for UK-educated students and graduates, with specific sites focusing on India, China, South East Asia, Africa and Canada.
- [iHipo](#) is an international jobs and internships vacancies database.
- [Midlands International Group](#) provides blogs and webinars for international students from the universities based in the Midlands of the UK

'I feel well positioned to work in a multinational enterprise when I return to my country in the future... working in a multinational company is a better choice for me and will challenge me as well as being a promising career in the future.' Yuanfei Pang, Management

Resources for specific geographical areas

China

- [YinJieSheng.com](#) contains lots of vacancies and graduate jobs in China (*in Mandarin*)
- [Dajie](#) is a Chinese equivalent of [LinkedIn](#) (*in Mandarin*)
- ['Beginning your career in China'](#) is a guide for returning Chinese students

North America

The following resources are specifically for those seeking opportunities in the US and Canada

- [Vault](#) is a US careers website which surveys of top employers, career advice, sector information and vacancies/internships across the US
- [Salary.com](#) is a US and Canadian job source and has careers information
- [Fulbright Commission](#) focuses mainly on studying in the US, the website has some information about exchange work programmes via Education USA
- [J1 Visa website](#) allows you to search for applicable work placement/internship programmes in the US
- [Talent Egg](#) is a Canadian job board and online career resource for students and recent graduates
- [BUNAC](#) can help with obtaining short term working visas and arranging work placements in the US and Canada
- [Gradlink Canada](#) is a specialist careers website designed for Canadian students and any students interested in working in Canada. It includes jobs, links with graduate employers, in-depth advice sections, and the latest news and events relating to the graduate labour markets in Canada.

Europe

The following resources are specifically for those seeking opportunities in Europe. Please note some opportunities may not be available to graduates who are non-EEA citizens.

- **Careers in Europe** – top-rated graduate employers and live economic data by country and guide to jobs and salaries
- **EU Careers** official recruitment website of the EU, part of the European Personnel Selection Office
- **EURES** - the European Commission's European Job Mobility Portal, job listings and advisory site for recent graduates and jobseekers searching for jobs in Europe.
- **GradIreland** Target Jobs' Irish counterpart
- **Staufenbiel Germany** vacancies, graduate jobs and internships, employer information and application advice plus sector information and city guides (*in German*)

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