

Staying in the UK

If you are an international student and you plan to stay in the UK for work or further study after you finish your current course at Leicester you may find this page useful as it contains resources to help you find job opportunities and courses. The information on this page is most appropriate for those who ready to apply for graduate jobs and courses.

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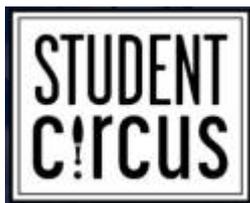
Talk to an adviser: Applying for work/study in the UK can be very different to other countries so if you would like further support from the information provided on our website please come see us to discuss further. You can book appointments online via [MyCareers](#).

Important:

Don't forget there are strict visa restrictions for non-UK citizens who want to work/study in the UK so please look at the visa information provided by the [UK Council for International Student Affairs](#) to find out about different UK visas and who to speak to for more information.

Working in the UK

Employers advertise their vacancies in a variety of ways. The websites suggested below are just a few examples of where to look for opportunities.



[Student Circus](#) is a resource for international students looking for graduate roles or internship opportunities within the UK. There are hundreds of opportunities listed, all from employers willing to sponsor the UK Tier 2 visa. You will need to register for an account using your University email address.

General vacancies

- [MyCareers](#)
- [Graduate Prospects](#)
- [Graduate Jobs](#)
- [Targetjobs](#)
- [Inside Careers](#)

- [LinkedIn](#) allows you to build a professional profile, find opportunities and network online. If you're unsure about how to use LinkedIn have a look at our [webpage on LinkedIn](#) or book an appointment or workshop on [MyCareers](#)
- [Glassdoor](#) – this is a site where current and former employees can review the company they work for. You can also use the site to explore internship opportunities, graduate opportunities and gain interview information.

Recruitment agencies

- [Graduate Recruitment Bureau \(GRB\)](#)
- [All About Careers](#)
- [Milkround](#)
- [Matchtech](#)

The Recruitment and Employment Confederation (REC) is a professional institute which lays down clear codes of practice for its member agencies. [Find out whether the agency you are dealing with is a member of REC.](#)

Internships

Internships can help you to develop experience while you're a student but they can also be a great way to start your career post-graduation. Take a look at the websites below for more information on internships and where to find them:

- [Prospects](#)
- [TargetJobs](#)
- [Rate My Placement](#)

Speculative applications

A speculative application is when you directly contact an organisation you are interested in working for even if they are not currently advertising a vacancy. As with any type of application it is essential to demonstrate your professionalism. You will also need to ensure you sell your skills/experience and demonstrate your motivation for wanting to work with that specific organisation. Before making a speculative application you may want to find out more information about [CVs](#), [Covering Letters](#), and [Personal Statements](#).

If you are targeting specific employers you can check if they are registered to sponsor international workers through the Tier 2 and 5 visa scheme by checking the Home Office '[Register of licensed sponsors](#)'.

(note: this document is over 1,800 pages long, but you can use CTRL + F to search the document)

Academic and research posts

The following sites post vacancies specifically for academic or research careers. Some also advertise other related positions in educational institutions e.g. managerial, human resources, support services and data management.

- [jobs.ac.uk](#) for vacancy database for jobs in Further/Higher Education.
- [PhD Jobs](#) for vacancy database for postgraduates of all disciplines.

- [Times Higher Education Supplement](#) for vacancies of all types within academic institutions.
- [FindAPostDoc.com](#) for post-doctoral positions. □ [New Scientist](#) for details of science posts

'I absolutely enjoyed studying and living in Leicester, and I think of settling in the United Kingdom for the future. Furthermore, one day I would like to have my own social business and contribute positively to the world.' Nicole Valentinova, Law LLB (with a year abroad)

Further study in the UK

If you are an international student and wish to stay in the UK to undertake further study you must apply to the Home Office to extend your 'leave to remain in the UK'. In order to extend your 'leave to remain' you must be able to provide the following information:

- Evidence of having been accepted onto a course;
- Evidence of having sufficient funds to be able to complete the course.

Advice on extending your 'leave to remain' in the UK can be obtained from the [Student Welfare Service](#).

Finding a course

You can use the links referred to in the [Postgraduate / Further Study](#) page of our website to search for courses. [The British Council Education UK's website](#) also has an online database where you can search for details of postgraduate and other courses.

Course fees and funding

Universities in the UK set their own course fees and the amounts charged to international students (from outside the EU) can vary between institutions. For general information on sources of funding and scholarships for international students check the [British Council Website](#).

You should also approach the university and department where you will be studying to see if they have any scholarships that you are eligible to apply for. Consider whether there are organisations in your home country who you could apply to for funding. Other potential sources of funding are detailed [here](#).

Information:

Please note: This page is tailored to international students looking for post-graduate opportunities in the UK. If you are home student looking for resources regarding working in the UK you may find it more useful to look [here](#).

For more information contact the Career Development Service:

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