

Your timeline essentials for a great career

We've created this timeline to guide you through our range of services, showing you what you need to do, and when you need to do it. Whether you're Deciding, Planning, or Competing, there's something for everyone to help get you where you need to go.

	Term One	Term Two	Term Three
First Year	Complete: Create Your Future (your Year 1 employability module). D		
	Join: Activate your Handshake account, and complete your profile. Need help? Just ask.	Connect: Visit us in person, or contact us by Live Chat, phone or email and find out how we can help you.	Develop: Get to know yourself better – practice your skills in real life settings. Talk to us about your career action plan. D
	Follow: The Career Zone on social media for news and events.	Engage: Book onto a skills session or one-to-one guidance appointment.	
	Attend: Come along to your first employer events and Careers Fairs. D	Choose: a module to develop your experience. Placements and global opportunities are available as part of most degrees and we can support you. P	Listen: To the Career Zone podcast and find the answers to the questions students are asking. Read our blog and look out for your regular employability newsletters.
Second Year	Attend: A Careers Fair aligned with your interests. P		Experience: If you haven't done so already, look for opportunities for work experience. P
	Explore: Part-time jobs or volunteering roles on Handshake. D		
	Connect: We've got a range of support to help you throughout the application process. Let us know what you need.		
	Attend: Continue exploring employer events to find out more about the sectors and roles that interest you. P	Identify: Use employment sector knowledge to identify any skills gaps. Speak to us, check out our employment sector webpages, or come along to our skills sessions for help. P	Explore: Not sure what you want to do after your time at university ends? Talk to us about exploring your options. D
	Participate: In one of our range of employability schemes and develop your skills base. P	Talk: To an employer or an Exeter alumn. Find out how we can help you connect and network. P	Review: If you're applying for graduate schemes, now's a great time to review your CV and make a list of employers and organisations to target. P
If you're on a 4-year course you'll spend your penultimate year on placement(s) or opportunities overseas. Reflect: On the skills you develop, the networks you create, and the experiences that'll shape your career planning.			
Final Year	Apply: Applications for many graduate schemes open and close this term. Need help? Book skills sessions on Handshake. C	Apply: If you haven't applied for roles yet, now's the time to start, and if you're already applying, keep doing so. We can help you throughout the job search and application process. C	Apply: Don't have a graduate job secured? It's not too late to apply to late opening or rolling schemes. C
	Attend: Our careers fairs to find out about different organisations and opportunities – ask questions about roles and recruitment processes. P	Accept: That it's OK to feel unsure if it feels like students around you are securing their graduate jobs, and you aren't. We can help you get to where you want to go, talk to us and find out how. D	Celebrate: Get ready to graduate! Reflect on what you've learned and achieved during your time at university, this can really help you at job interviews. Keep in touch with us and the Alumni Team.
	Research: Thinking of applying for Postgraduate study? It's time to research courses and universities. Talk to your Tutor, and get help with your statement from us. P		Think: About your personal brand – do you have a full Handshake and/or LinkedIn profile? Is your CV sharp and up-to-date, check your achievements are all covered in your transcripts. P



Pre-arrival

Handshake is our careers portal for graduate jobs, internships, part-time roles, employer events, Fairs, skills sessions and much more. Claim your account as soon as your Exeter login is live.



Exeter Award and Exeter Leaders Award

Work towards completing our groundbreaking employability awards by attending skills sessions and events.



Post-graduation

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