

7 Essentials for a great career after your Masters

1. Have you activated your Handshake account? This is how you will find out about employer events, skills sessions and jobs, so it's really important you register.
2. What do PGTs need to know? Work through Your Future First, your introduction to navigating careers as a postgraduate student.
3. Where are you in your career planning? Take a look at your Careers Registration response, are there any actions you need to take?
4. What are your strengths? Think about what skills you might require for the roles you are interested in, book onto our workshops to develop any skills gap.
5. Do you need work experience? Familiarise yourself with the different types of work experience available to you, and identify what sorts of opportunities best suit your needs.
6. Ready to apply? Familiarise yourself with the UK recruitment cycle and processes – book onto workshops around CVs, Application Forms and Interviews to refine your approach.
7. Feeling stuck? We're here to help you at all stages of your career development and exploration. Graduate Scheme deadlines are early in the academic year, but they are not your only option post-graduation. Take a look at the recruitment timeline below.

Is English your second language? Keep working on your English communication through language workshops, joining societies with different people or working through the India Career Ready or China Career Ready Programmes.

	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept
Graduate Schemes: A structured training programme offered mainly by large companies and organisations, usually lasting between 1-3 years.	Applications open.	Applications open.	Application deadlines begin.	Application deadlines begin.					Some applications may re-open.	Some applications may re-open.			
Graduate Jobs and professional hires: Entry level roles that require a degree.	These are open all year, but employers will be looking for you to start soon, rather than the following summer, aim to apply around 3 months in advance.												
Internships: An internship is a period of work experience for a fixed period of time anywhere between a week and 12 months. They are typically undertaken by students and graduates looking to gain relevant skills.	Many of the 'big' internships are not tailored to PGTs, but the University Managed Internships are advertised throughout the year.												



CAREER ZONE

Speak to us via the Live Chat icon on our webpages or email careers@exeter.ac.uk. We are also available to visit in person at the Career Zone on both Penryn and Streatham campuses.



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

Forever means forever. After you've graduated you can access our services for as long as you need.