

What Every International Student needs to know about working in the UK



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Today's session is an INTRODUCTION to...

- ✓ **Career Zone** Support at Exeter
- ✓ **Career Ready Programmes** tailored for International Students
- ✓ Help from **International Student Advice**
- ✓ **Part-time Work** and **Internships**
- ✓ A Chance to ask some **Questions**



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Career Zone at Exeter



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* DOTS Model – Law & Watts 1977/1996 (adapted)

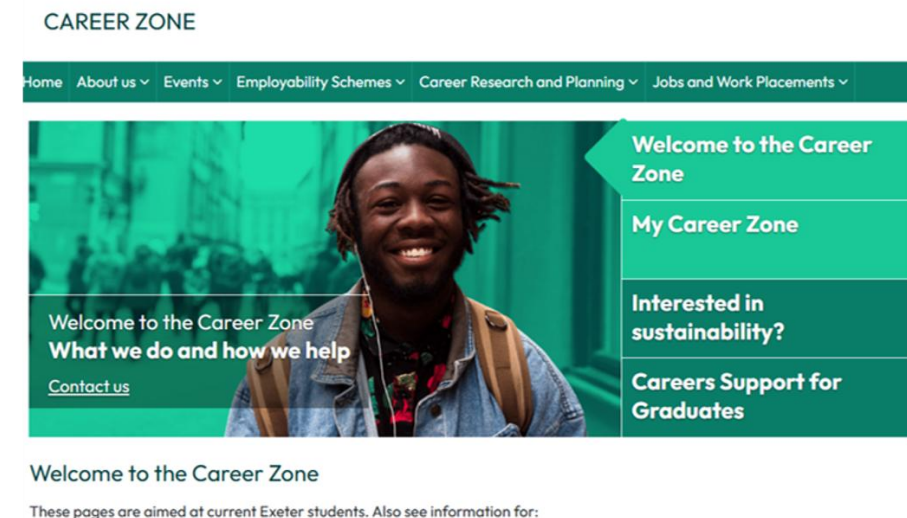
Career Zone: How to access our help and advice

- ✓ **Career Zone in the Forum** – for in-person questions
- ✓ **Bookable 1:1 appointments** (in-person or online)
- ✓ **Drop-ins** – Career Zone Forum, Tues/Thurs 12:30 – 14:00
– Business School students – Xfi Study Space Tues/Thurs 11:00 – 12:30
- ✓ **On the website** – <https://www.exeter.ac.uk/students/careers/>
- ✓ **Resources** – online and on My Career Zone
- ✓ **Employability workshops**
- ✓ **Careers newsletters** in each faculty



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What Career Zone CAN'T do!

- On-campus recruitment
- Get you a job
- Recommend you to employers
- Give you a list of employers who offer you work
- Write your CV for you
- Tell you what the best job / employer / salary is



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What can I talk about in a 121 appointment?

- **Advice** – 20 mins
CV, LinkedIn & application reviews, interview & assessment centre prep
- **Guidance** – 30 mins
Focus on You, Career Options, if you are feeling 'stuck' in your decision-making. Recruitment strategies, interview & assessment centre prep
- **Graduate Jobs, Internships & Placements**



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How to book an appointment

- For Business School and Law UG – self-bookable on My Career Zone
- For ALL Postgraduate Taught /PGR – self-book on My Career Zone
- Anyone else – drop into the Career Zone in the Forum to book (*will be self-book from January)





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Introducing My Career Zone,
our new careers platform



What is My Career Zone?

- **Jobs Platform:** graduate, casual, permanent and internships
- **Book Appointments**
- **Book onto Skills Workshops**
- **Book onto Employer Events**
- **Access Resources & Subscriptions**





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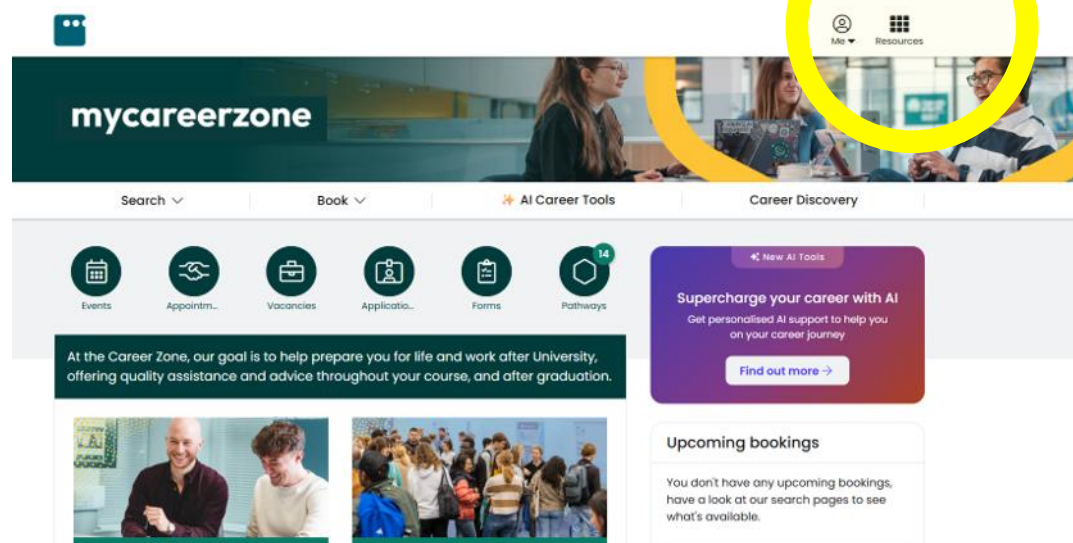
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Accessing Resources and Subscriptions on My Career Zone!





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Careers and employability support for international students

Connecting you to the workshops, resources, events and opportunities you need
- whether you're planning on working in the UK, returning to your home country, or
pursuing opportunities in new global destinations



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Navigate the graduate jobs market in the UK, your home country, and globally

Workshops, employer events and resources to help you understand the graduate jobs landscape and find opportunities wherever you're heading after Exeter

Build your experience during your studies

Learn about opportunities to gain work experience, including flexible, visa-compatible and skills-based experience that will strengthen your CV and grow your confidence

Present yourself with confidence and apply successfully

Gain the ability and confidence needed to articulate your skills during the application process, improve your ability to navigate different cultures, and develop your professional language skills



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What you will gain:

- ✓ Tailored guidance from international careers specialists
- ✓ Exclusive workshops, events and opportunities
- ✓ Access to global employers and alumni networks
- ✓ Specialist tools and resources to support your job search
- ✓ Advice and support from visa experts at the University of Exeter
- ✓ Support from English language professionals and guidance on navigating different cultures
- ✓ **University-verified Digital Badge on completion, plus an invitation to our Celebration & Networking Event!**



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'Global Career Ready'
for international students
from any* country

*Excluding China and India



'China Career Ready'
for international
students from China



'India Career Ready'
for international
students from India





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**Complete 5 activities
across the pathway =**



**Earn Career Ready
'Digital Badge'**

Badges are awarded at the end of each term



**Invitation to Celebration
& Networking Event**

Held twice a year, in the Spring and Summer

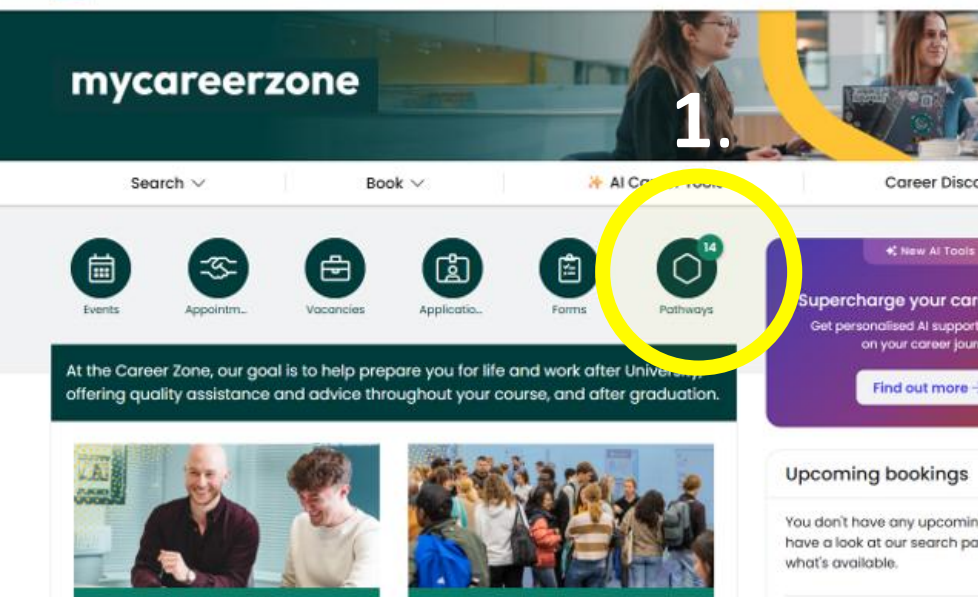


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Register now on a Career Ready Programme to suit you!



3. Important!
Click Start now!



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Grow your employability and leadership skills with the Exeter Leaders Award. Open to all undergraduates and taught postgraduates.

23%



The Exeter Award
Grow your employability skills with the Exeter Award. Open to all undergraduates and taught postgraduates.

10%



India Career Ready
India Career Ready brings together the careers and employability support most relevant to you, connecting you to the workshops, resources and...

0%



Global Career Ready
Global Career Ready brings together the careers and employability support most relevant to you as an *International student at Exeter - connecting you to...

0%



China Career Ready 中国就业准备项目
China Career Ready brings together the careers and employability support most relevant to you as a Chinese student at Exeter - connecting you to the...

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Create Your Future
Create Your Future: Helping you to develop the knowledge, skills and resources to build the career you want.

84%



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India & China Career Ready Ambassadors Paid Internship roles

Opening Date: 14th September

Closing Date: 1st October 2026

Interviews: 8 October (China) and 9 October (India)

6 hours per week maximum

[Career Ready Ambassador \(India & Global\)](#)

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India & Global



China & Global

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Who are we?

International Student Advice



Trained immigration advisers

Experts on Student visas

Provide guidance and information on other visa categories



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Working during your studies

International
Student **Advice**

We can advise on...

- Work hour restrictions during your studies
- Type of work on a Student visa
- Right to Work checks



Work visa options after your studies

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Other
visas

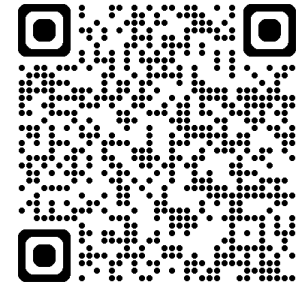
[Youth Mobility Scheme visa](#)

[HK BN\(O\)](#)

Specific
to work

Graduate visa

Skilled Worker visa



Graduate visa

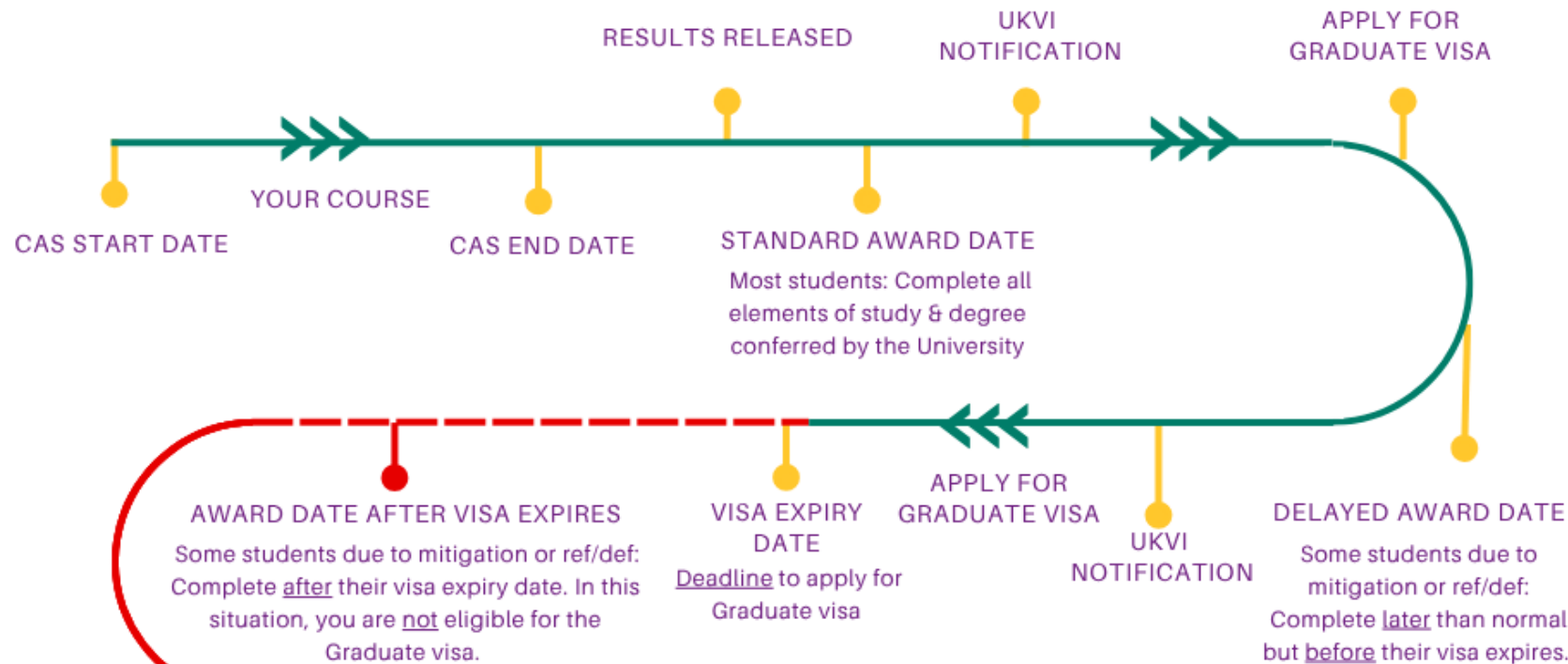
International Student Advice

- 18 months (or 3 years for PhD students) to live and work in the UK
- Students must:
 - have a valid Student visa
 - be awarded their degree
 - apply from inside the UK
- Watch our presentation – Eligibility, timeframes, application process
- Use our application form guide



Graduate visa application timeline

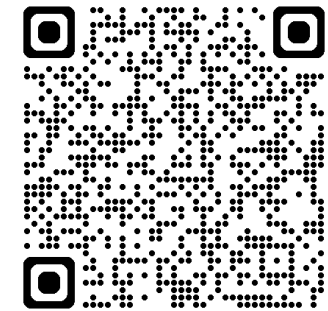
Graduate visa application timeline



Skilled Worker visa

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- The job must have a minimum salary (at least £33,400 - £41,700) or going rate depending on job and situation)
- The employer must be a registered employer with a Skilled Worker licence
- You must be offered the job and given a Certificate of Sponsorship (CoS)
- Eligibility and application process: Skilled Worker



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Graduate visa

- 18 months (3 years for PhD) ONCE
- Does not lead to settlement
- Costs not usually covered by employer
- Dependants must continue from Student dependant visas
- No sponsor needed
- Employed or self-employed except as sportsperson/coach

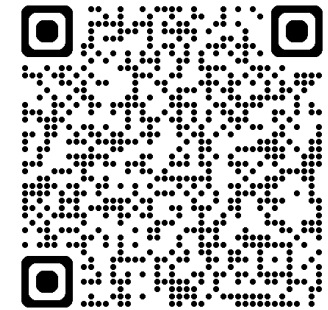
Skilled worker visa

- Up to 5 years
- Settlement after 5 years
- Costs *maybe* covered by employer
- Dependants can apply at any time
- Must be sponsored by an employer
 - Listed on UKVI register
 - Minimum salary dep on job
- Additional work up to 20 hrs/week

What we cannot advise on...

International
Student **Advice**

- How to get a job
- Skilled Worker visas in detail
- Routes to Settlement



Need more information?

Contact

Digital Drop-ins: [book](#) here

Email: visaadvice@exeter.ac.uk



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What else does the Career Zone do?



- ✓ [Internships](#) (for students and graduates)
- ✓ [Part time jobs](#)
- ✓ [Ask an Alum](#)
- ✓ [Career Mentor Scheme](#) [Green Consultants Programme](#)
- ✓ [Grand Challenges Programme](#)
- ✓ [Professional Pathways Programme](#)
- ✓ [The Exeter Award](#)

Exeter's internships

- Exclusive to Exeter students
- During your studies - SCP /SBP
- After your studies – GBP



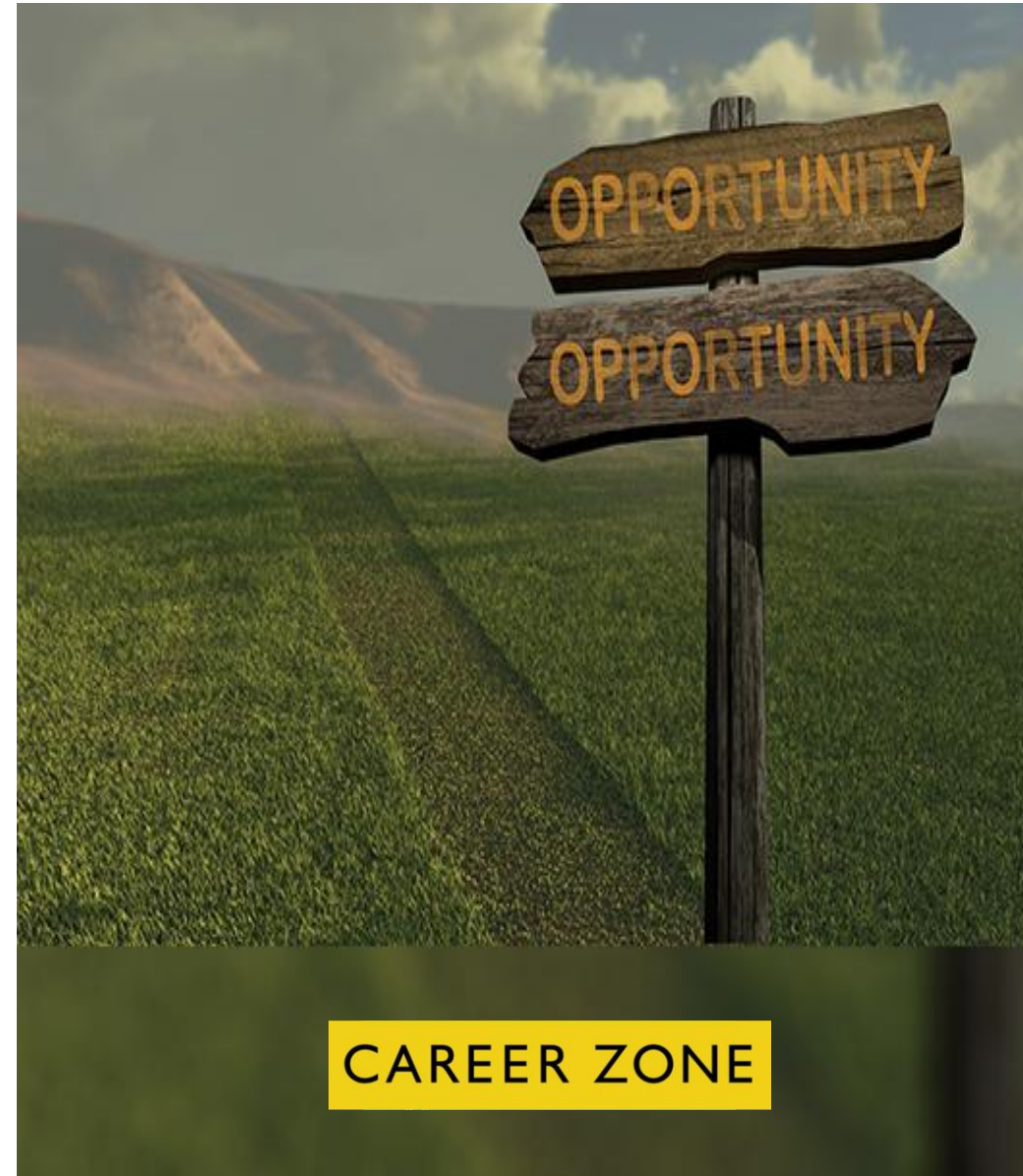
- www.exeter.ac.uk/careers/internships
- Sign up for weekly newsletter

What else does the Career Zone do?

- [Green Consultants](#) – training, project, internship – open to all – no application needed!
- [Ask an Alum](#)
- [Career Mentor Scheme](#) – opens 21 Sept for Dec-May mentors (another scheme June-Dec)
- [Grand Challenges](#) – June/July annually
- [Overview of schemes | Career Zone | University of Exeter](#)



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Careers Fairs Autumn 2026

- Careers & Placements Fair Tues 20th Oct (Graduate, Placement & Internship roles)
- STEM Careers Fair - Mon 2nd Nov
- Law Careers Fair - Wed 18th Nov
- Part-time Jobs Fair - Thurs 8th Oct
- Student employment week 5-8th Oct



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Part-time Jobs and Volunteering Fair – Tuesday 6 October (Part of Student Employment Week 5 – 8 October)

- Chat to the **Student Employment Team** about **Exeter Employability Schemes and Programmes**
- **Visit employer stands in The Forum** to meet different organisations and industry professionals.
- **Attend workshops** on topics like **Applying for Internships as an International Student**, **Understanding Internship Schemes for International Students**

1 LEARN

Learn about what the
Career Zone offers

2 DEVELOP

Develop your skills

3 INSPIRE

Be **inspired** to take your
next steps

4 CONNECT

Connect with local
employers

[Link to Student Employment Week Webpage for full event details](#)

Career Zone Social Media



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UK employers value skills.....

...and they don't mind where you get them!

- Part-time work
- **Societies**
- **Sport**
- Competitions
- Student Representative roles
- **Volunteering**
- Projects
- Internships
- Work Shadowing
- Job Simulations – Forage, Bright Network
- Other extra-curricular activities



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Where do I look for Part-time or Casual Jobs



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Look for jobs on:

- Indeed
- LinkedIn
- My Career Zone
- On company websites
- By calling into high street employers in Exeter with your CV

Where do I look for the list of Societies



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Societies Events Sports Find Support Student Sign In

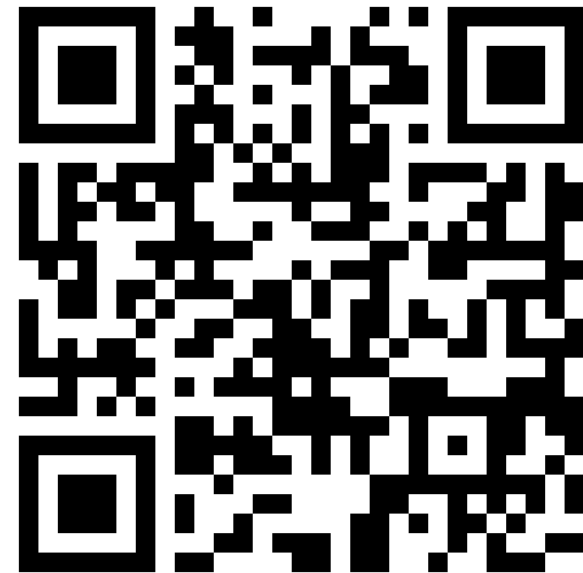
EXETER STUDENTS' GUILD

SOCIETIES AND GROUPS

Joining one (or a few!) of our amazing student-led societies is the best way to meet other students, find people with similar interests and try something completely new.

Can't see a group you'd like to join below? [Create one!](#)

Accessibility Tools



Prioritise improving your English Language Skills

- Most employers will expect a **level similar to native speakers**
- **Make time** to improve your language skills
- [English Language Skills Support](#) at Exeter
- [Intercultural Café](#) - every Friday, ISCA Eats, Cornwall House (Streatham) 10 – 11:30



Explore live timetables now →→



Next Steps

- Login to **My Career Zone** & check weekly for events & skills sessions
- Book onto the **Career Ready Programme** that's suitable for you and **click Start** so that the workshops you attend count towards the award!
- Find [International Student Community & Support](#) pages & [watch the Graduate Visa webinar](#) or [book a 1:1 appointment](#)
- Access **English Language Support** early
- **Join at least 2 Societies** – meet new people – will help you settle in and will also be great for your CV!



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Access Presentation after the session

- This presentation (and all other presentations which are part of the International Welcome Programme) will be online here, so you can re-visit or catch up on something you missed or share with a friend who couldn't attend.
- <https://www.exeter.ac.uk/students/international/newstudents/exeter>



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