

Introduction to the Careers Service and career options with your course

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Careers Service
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Overview

- Provide an introduction to the Careers Service & information about events
- Offer an insight into the careers students from previous courses have gone into
- Employability, career management and work experience

Careers Service

- *Level 5, Sherfield Building*
- *Mon-Fri, 10:00 – 17:15*
- *Tel: 020 7594 8024*
- *www.imperial.ac.uk/careers*

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News

- China & Hong Kong Fairs 2014
- Read all about it: Charity Insights Blog!
- Research different careers and occupations
- Access the Careers Service over the summer
- Employers: book your place for an event in 2014-15

[More news](#)



Your big opportunity to meet employers in Beijing, Hong Kong and Shanghai this August and September!
[More on this topic](#)

Services for students

- Undergraduates
- Taught postgraduates
- Research students
- Internships & placements
- International students
- Prospective students

Alumni

- Recent alumni (graduated within 3 years)
- Experienced alumni (graduated more than 3 years)

Staff & Post Docs

- Post Docs
- Academic staff
- Other staff

Resources

- What do Imperial graduates do? Destination information and case studies
- Key online resources
- Careers information library
- Seminars & workshops

Services for employers

- Advertise jobs, placements & internships
- Company promotion opportunities
- Raise your profile
- Register with us

[Quick Guides to: Networking, CVs, Covering Letters and Interviews](#)

[Ask an Alumnus registration Register to network...](#)

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Imperial Alumni

- Register to access the secure parts of this website

Quick links

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- Imperial joint second in QS World University rankings!
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Services

- **JobsLive** - Career Management Tool and Job Vacancies Board (access via www.imperial.ac.uk/careers)
- **15 minute** drop-in CV and application checks in Huxley
- **20 minute** consultations (**JobsLive** – online booking)
- **40 minute** consultations (Tel: 020 7594 8024)
- Employer presentations, fairs, forums, and lunch-time talks
- Employer Led Skills Workshops – Wednesday afternoons
- Recruiter in Residence
- Daily Skills seminars
- Publications, information, hand-outs

Fairs and Forums

Finance & Consulting Fair

Thursday 9 October

Energy Industry Forum

Thursday 16 October

ICU Careers Fair

Monday 20 October

Engineering Careers Fair

Thursday 23 October

Consulting Forum

Thursday 30 October

Science Forum

Thursday 6 November

I.T. & Technology Careers Fair

Thursday 13 November

Manufacturing Forum

Thursday 20 November

Charities and NFP Forum

Thursday 27 November

Science Careers Fair

Thursday 29 January

Career Women's Forum

Thursday 5 February

Internship Fair

Thursday 19 February





Employer Led Skills Workshops

15-Oct	<i>CV Skills Workshop</i>	<i>BCG</i>
29-Oct	<i>Business Game: How to Crack a Case Study</i>	<i>Oliver Wyman</i>
05-Nov	<i>Interview Skills</i>	<i>Norton Rose</i>
12-Nov	<i>Business Game: Trading Game</i>	<i>Barclays</i>
19-Nov	<i>Assessment Centre</i>	<i>CIMA</i>
03-Dec	<i>Team Working</i>	<i>Rolls Royce</i>
21 Jan	<i>Marketing and presentation</i>	<i>Unilever</i>
28-Jan	<i>CV Clinic and Applications Skills Workshop</i>	<i>Shell</i>
11-Feb	<i>Preparing for Assessment Centres Workshop</i>	<i>PWC</i>
18-Feb	<i>Economic Consulting Business Game</i>	<i>FTI Consulting</i>
25-Feb	<i>Interview Skills</i>	<i>Ark Schools</i>



Lunchtime Careers Talks

Lunchtime Careers Talks take place from 13:00 to 13:50 in The Sir Alexander Building Lecture Theatre G34 - lecture theatre 2.

November	One application infinite opportunities	SEO London
	Ever thought of a Management Career in the NHS?	NHS Leadership Academy
	Law For Non Lawyers	Reed Smith
	Hiring Well – how we hire the best engineers	New Voice Media
	What is Leadership & how can I demonstrate that I have it	Teach First
	Focus on Charity and Not for Profit Week	Range of events
December	A career in commercial law: what does it entail?	Norton Rose Fulbright
	Employment opportunities in the Civil Service in the EU	Foreign & Commonwealth Office
	Marketing Research - More Consulting than Cold Calling	SKIM
	Postgraduate study in the USA information session	Fulbright Commission
	Focus on Environment Week	Range of event



Careers Service Seminars

Lunchtime and afternoon seminars during the autumn and spring terms. For exact dates and times, please refer to ***JobsLive***

- **Assessment Centre Seminar**
- **CV Seminar (includes advice on cover letters)**
- **Effective Applications Seminar**
- **Interview Skills Seminar**



Drop-in sessions in the department

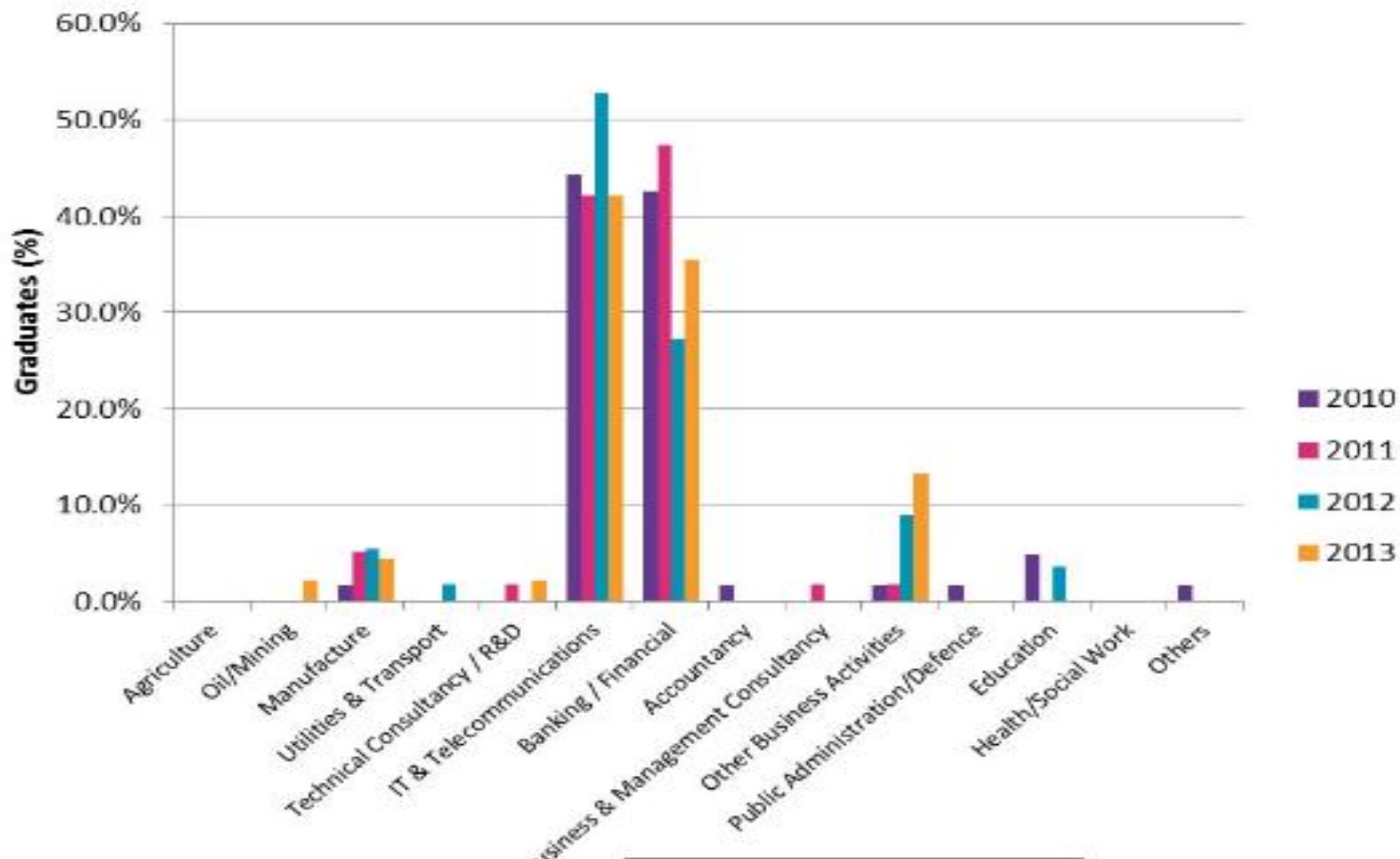
- Thursdays, 13.00 – 14.00
- 4 x 15 consultations
- Book via JobsLive – bookings open at 7am on Thursdays
- Advertised by Victoria Nicholls and the Careers Service

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What do Computing graduates do?





Employers and occupations

Examples of Employers:

- Advanced Business & Healthcare
- AI Corporation
- Arista
- ARM
- Bank of America Merrill Lynch
- BBC
- Black Pear Software
- BlackRock
- Bloomberg
- Credit Suisse
- Deutsche Bank
- Erudify
- Goldman Sachs
- Google
- G-Research
- IBM
- IO Technologies Group
- Jane Street Europe
- JP Morgan
- Meta Broadcast Ltd
- Nimble Storage
- NVIDIA GmbH
- Ocado
- Palantir
- Resilient Networks
- Sony Computer Entertainment Europe
- The Hut Group
- Traveller's Tales
- UBS
- Unboxed Consulting
- Upstream Advisors
- VMWare Inc.

Examples of Occupations:

- Analyst
- Analyst - Business
- Associate Software Engineer
- Commercial Analyst
- Database Administrator
- Equity Derivatives Analyst
- Financial Software Developer
- Game Mechanics: Junior Programmer
- Graduate Engineer
- Junior Developer
- Junior Technical Consultant
- Software Developer
- Software Engineer
- Systems Developer
- Technical Analyst



Non-computing roles in technology

- Business Analyst
- Research Analyst
- HR/Recruitment
- Finance/Accountancy
- Marketing
- Business Development
- Management Consultant
- General Management
- Policy advisor
- Publishing/journalism



Professions

- Accountancy/Management Accountancy
- Academia
- Actuarial
- Economics
- Language professional
- Law
- Social work
- Teaching



The Milkround

- The graduate recruitment season, or 'Milkround' takes place across the autumn term
- Employers advertise their graduate schemes, internships and insight weeks via events, fairs, forums, skills workshops and presentations
- You would apply for a graduate scheme at the start of your final year
- Interviews and assessment centres take place across autumn and the spring
- Some graduate employers advertise vacancies and recruit on a rolling basis
- If you're applying for internships and placements, they are generally only open to penultimate year students, finalists and graduates
- A number of employers do however run Insight Weeks for first year students (Banking, Consultancy) and a few admit them onto their longer internship programmes (e.g. Rolls Royce)



Graduate Recruitment Scheme deadlines

Sector

Deadlines

- Banking, Accountancy and Consultancy *End of October*

Some mid Oct, some early
November

- Engineering & Technology

*End of November to end of
December*

Some are on a rolling basis

Internships and Placements

October to early January



Milkround Timings for your penultimate/final year



October

Attend fairs,
forums,
presentations
and events to
network and
research



October/ Nov

Submit
applications for
graduate
schemes and
internships



October-Dec

Attend skills
workshops and
mock interviews to
enhance
commercial
awareness and
prepare for
assessment centres



August 2015

Research
immediate
graduate roles

IN ADVANCE:

- Prepare your CV and Cover Letter
- Gather examples of your transferrable skills
- Attend careers events, skills workshops and appointments for advice and checking
- Early applications = less competition





Getting Work Experience



Developing your Skills and Experience

- Clubs & societies
- Sports
- Learn a language
 - www3.imperial.ac.uk/humanities
- Course rep/committee member
- Volunteering
 - www.imperialhub.org/
 - www.do-it.org
 - www3.imperial.ac.uk/pimlico
- Attend careers events
- Work experience



Developing your Skills and Experience



Work experience:

- Part-time jobs/Summer jobs
- Working for yourself
- Work shadowing/Informational Interviewing
- Insight day/weeks
- Employer competitions
- Internships

Opportunities available



Industry Sector	Organisation	Deadline
Software	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IBM • Ocado • Metaswitch • Google - Early access Employability STEP • Riot Games 	31 Dec 17 Dec 8 Jan 7 Dec 30 Nov
Technology in Finance/Banking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Insight/Spring Weeks schemes <p>Other finance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Markit • Towers Watson • SunGard 	End Nov – Jan 19 Jan 31 Dec 16 Feb
Research	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UROP • Imperial International Office 	On-going
Energy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BP (Discovery Day/Shadow an intern) 	Open Jan
Start Ups & SMEs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compucorp • Tech City Jobs 	1 Dec



Companies recruiting 1st year Computing students attending the Internship Fair – 19 Feb

Unboxed Consulting

Build digital products using Ruby in Rails. Lean & Agile techniques

 **FIBARO**
Home intelligence


ocado

 **RED BADGER**


pwc

 **firefly**

Software for schools

Sales Gossip 

TOWERS WATSON 

Case Study: Internship

Oskar Mamrzynski, Second Year Computing Student

Which company did you undertake work experience with?

Towers Watson - they are a global consultancy, working in areas such as insurance, retirement, benefits, rewards packages and investment.



How did you go about finding the internship?

I had been looking for an internship since the start of December of my 2nd year. After a failed application to another company, I noticed that Towers Watson had their own small careers event. I dedicated a bit of time to go there and talk to people who work in the company. I spoke mainly with someone working in the software department, but there were people from investment and retirement branches of the business as well. I also spoke to an employee who I later found out was the global organisations manager and was at my first interview. There were no e-mail signups at the event, but I was pointed to their website, where I could find the job description

“Apply well and research the companies. Show that you have a real interest in the company instead of vaguely throwing your CV at them”

- Oskar Mamrzynski

What was the most valuable thing about your work experience?

I would say the most valuable thing I got out of it is a graduate job offer. I will be joining the company full-time next year, after deciding to drop my 4th year of studies. I've also expanded my technical skills gaining experience in learning C# from scratch as well as .NET framework, Microsoft SQL Server, MVVM, WPF, UI design, IoC container & Dependency injection, various design principles and patterns and a bit of ASP.NET MVC. These are not taught at Imperial but are very much essential for work in industry.

Finding Advertised Internships

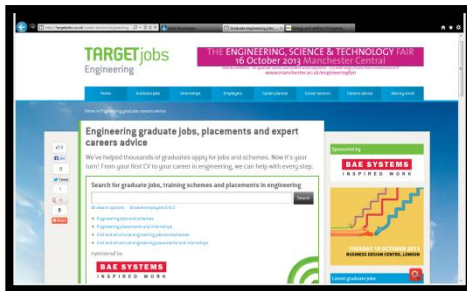
- **JobsLive**
 - Set your profile to receive personalised vacancy & event updates
- **Brochures/Directories**
- **Online Jobs Boards**
- **Careers Fairs**
 - Internship Fair 19 Feb
- **Social Media**
 - Facebook, Twitter & LinkedIn
- **Speculative Applications**
 - Silicon Milkroundabout
 - Built in London
 - Work in Startups





Online Careers Guides: multi sector and occupation

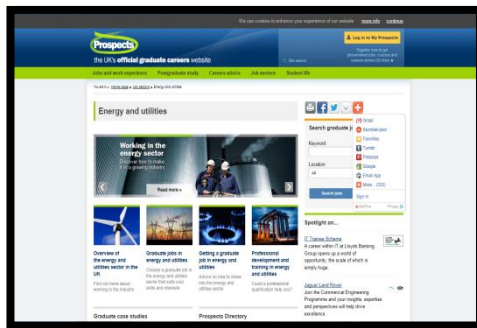
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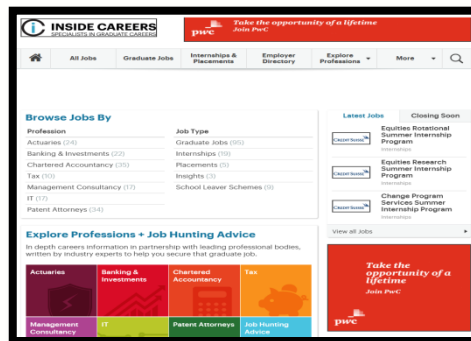
Student Ladder



Prospects



Inside Careers



Technology career research tools

Grad Cracker



Computer Weekly



Net Magazine



PhDs

www.vitae.ac.uk

www.findaphd.com



Working abroad

IAESTE (International Association for the Exchange of Students for Technical Experience) www.iaeste.org.uk



Going Global – Follow the links through careers website





Employability

A set of achievements, - skills, understandings and personal attributes – that make graduates more likely to gain employment and be successful in their chosen occupations, which benefits themselves, the workforce, the community and the economy (<http://www.heacademy.ac.uk/employability>)



An employer's perspective

Employability is as much a state of mind as it is a set of skills. Employers look at how you have created and used opportunities for personal growth.

- Push yourself to try new activities that spark your interest, test your aptitude for problem solving and offer a chance to meet people
- Join societies - it could help you discover or develop skills and strengths you didn't know you had and build a useful network
- Gain some work experience - any role will provide skills like communication and time management that you can transfer to any job and mention in interviews
- Volunteer your time - you can support a good cause while gaining exposure to the working environment
- Start a blog or contribute to publications where you are able to communicate your point of view and positively influence others
- Reading the news and business sections of the papers will increase your knowledge of current affairs
- Build your contacts by networking with employers

Source: Ernst & Young - <http://ukcareerguide.ey.com/1st-year/why-employability-matters/>)



Employability skills include

- Self-management
- Team working
- Commercial awareness
- Leadership
- Relationship building
- Problem solving
- Communication and literacy
- Application of numeracy
- Application of information technology
- Proactive
- Organisation

Source: CBI 'Future fit: Preparing graduates for the world of work' - <http://www.cbi.org.uk/media-centre/news-articles/2009/03/future-fit/>

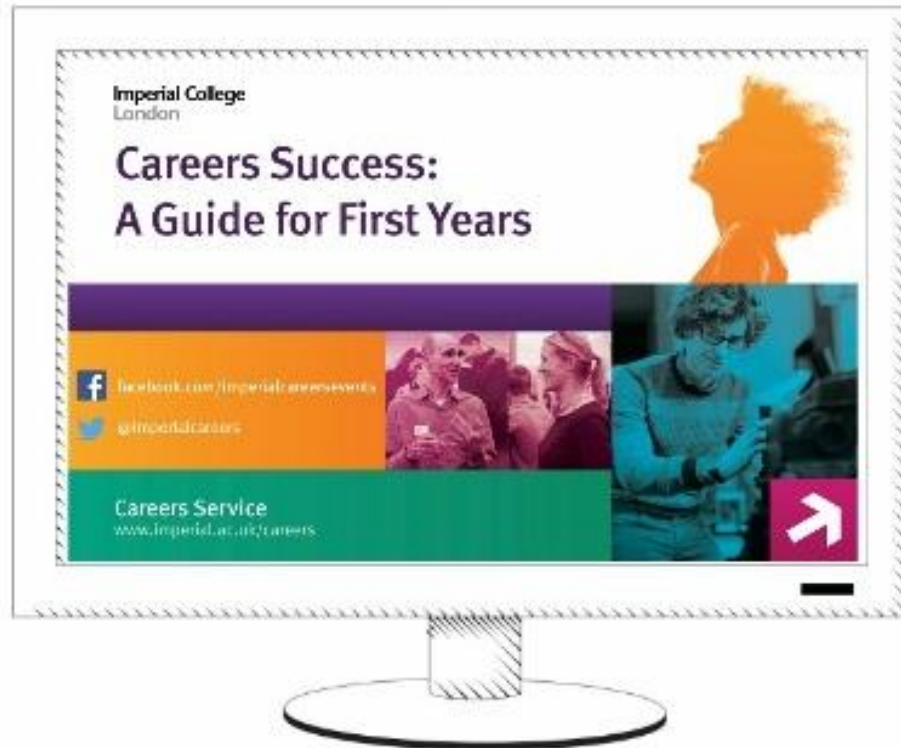


Where you will be developing these skills

- Your course: group projects, coursework, lab, consultation projects, presentations
- Extracurricular - sports, student society committees, volunteering
- Part-time work - (customer/client service)
- Internships and work experience placements
- Project based competitions and schemes
- Group exercises as part of a skills workshop or recruitment process



Quick Guide to Career Success: Guide for 1st Years



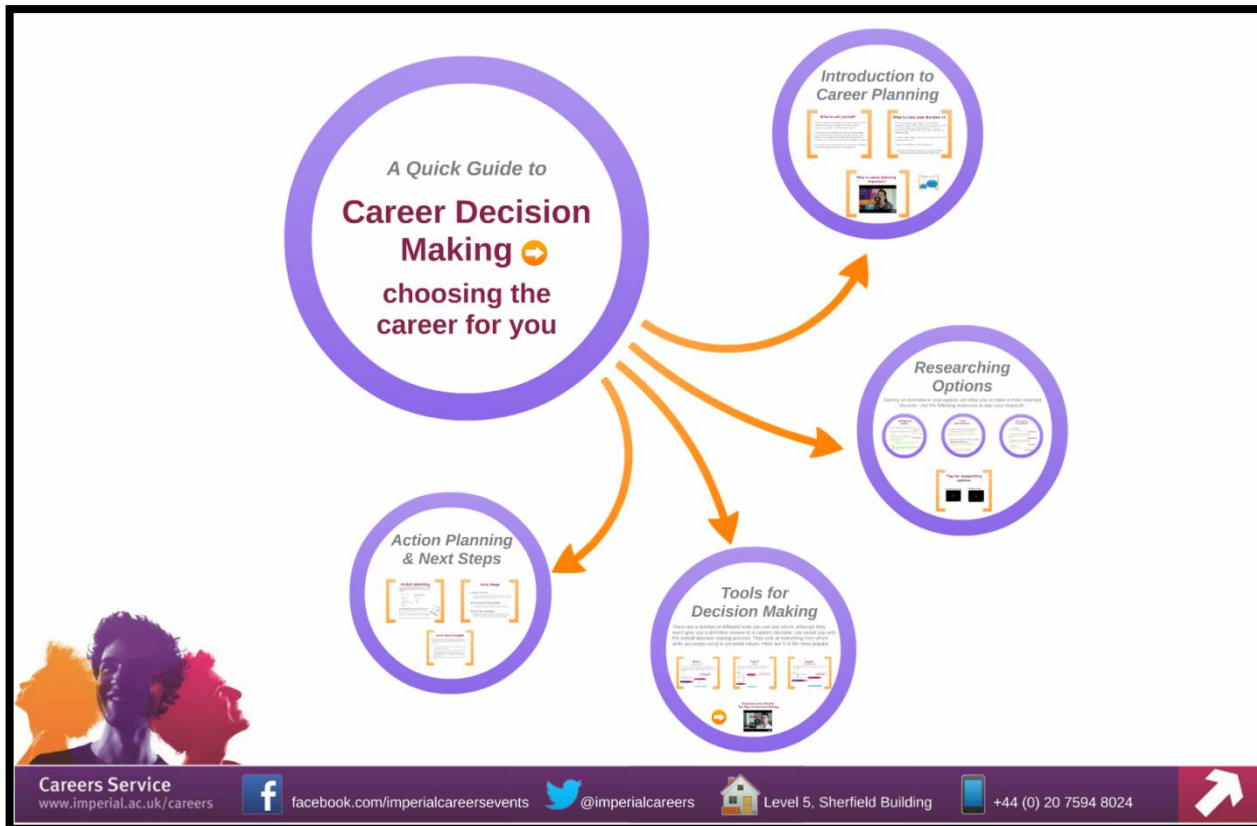
<http://www3.imperial.ac.uk/careers/ug/applicationandselection/quick>



Career decision making

- **Self awareness** – knowing what you want from life – *motivations and values* - and understanding your skillset, attributes, expertise and potential.
- **Opportunity awareness** – exploring and researching the types of careers and roles suitable for you
- **Awareness of your environment** – understanding the labour market, and how current and upcoming economic, political, social and technological factors might impact on career opportunities
- **Decision making and taking action**

Quick Guide to Career Decision Making





LinkedIn

- LinkedIn operates the world's largest professional network on the Internet with more than 313 million members in over 200 countries and territories.
- Professionals are signing up to join LinkedIn at a rate of more than two new members per second.
- **There are over 39 million students and recent graduates on LinkedIn. They are LinkedIn's fastest-growing demographic.**
- More than 3 million companies have LinkedIn Company Pages.

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Background

Experience

Careers Consultant
Imperial College London
November 2012 - Present (1 year 11 months) | London, United Kingdom
Delivering the College's career development programme to undergraduates, postgraduates, PhD/Post Doctoral Students and recent Alumni.
1 recommendation

Graduate Recruiter
Otwang LLP
April 2017 - November 2013 (3 years 9 months) | London, United Kingdom
Responsible for the management and development of the firm's graduate recruitment and employer branding strategy for training contracts, legal internships and sandwich placements.
21 recommendations, including:
David Stewart, Owner, Otwang Lawyers
Peter Critiq, Dean and CEO, BPP University Law School
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Careers Consultant Team Manager at Imperial College Business School


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Education

LSE
MSc International Employment Relations and HR Management, Major, March 2002 - 2003



University College London, U. of London
BA, German, 2.1
1998 - 2002



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Recommendations Received (2) Given (3)

Careers Consultant
Imperial College London
Onika Griffiths-Ellis
Director of Operations at BLD Foundation
Sarmini has supported both our participants and Management Team, providing invaluable and timely insight and analysis. It has been a pleasure working with Sarmini. May 13, 2013. Onika was Sarmini's client

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Graduate Recruitment
Cytel & Co LLP
2006 - 2007 (1 year) | London, United Kingdom
Managed the operational side of the recruitment and development of the firm's trainee solicitors.

Skills

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Recruiting
Employer Branding
Human Resources
Career Counseling
Career Development
Training
Employment Law
Recruitment Advertising

Top Skills



Sarmini also knows about:

Strategy, Training Delivery, Job Coaching, Coaching, Talent Management, Performance Management, Management, Psychometrics, Assessment Center, Employee Relations, Employee Engagement, HR Policies, Personal Management, Career Management, Talent Acquisition


Education

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