

business placements



“The placement was definitely a worthwhile experience as it has prepared me for my professional career in the near future.

I will definitely take this experience with me when looking for and applying for future opportunities.”

Tyrone Banton (Advertising Management & Brand Management)
Placement year - iProspect Manchester



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About us

Placement Programmes

Many of our courses are available with a 'sandwich' year between your second and final year of study, where you work for a year within an organisation as part of your degree programme. You must work for a minimum of 36 weeks, however most placements last up to 12 months and offer a full salary.



Why?

The Benefits of a Placement Year

- Gain first-hand experience of working within an organisation. This will be crucial when applying for jobs when you graduate.
- Put theory into practice. You will apply the theory from your first two years at university and see how it relates to the real world.
- Prove your independence, responsibility and confidence. A placement will help you achieve these characteristics and show employers that you are adaptable.
- Earn a salary and gain experience at the same time.
- Develop new networks and contacts which will be invaluable in your future career.
- Enhance your employability skills. You will have the opportunity to improve on various skills such as time management, organisational skills, project management, event management, interpersonal and communication skills.
- Enhance your final year grades. Capitalising on the knowledge and skills gained in industry can improve your final year grades.

"I have really enjoyed my time at IBM, working with a great team with a breadth of experience for me to learn from. Always being given the opportunity to get involved and do more than your day to day tasks, allowed me to expand my network considerably. One of my greatest achievements at IBM was receiving an Award from the Vice President of Software Group for my contributions towards the Business Connect 2013 Event at Twickenham Rugby Stadium. The fact that this award is rarely ever given to placement students and is usually for top performing sellers motivated me; knowing that regardless of your position in the company your efforts are recognised."

Hemali Shah
(International Business)
IBM





When?

There will be briefings about the placement programme during the start of your second year. This will provide you with information about the placement year, how to start applying for placements and examples of previous employers.

The Business Placements Team will support you in this process, offering you guidance when you are researching and applying for jobs.

The ideal time to start looking for a placement is just after these briefings when everything is fresh in your mind. Lots of employers will be advertising their placement opportunities from the beginning of the Autumn term so it's a good time to start the process once you've been introduced to it by our team and shown where to look for vacancies.



How?

The Placement Team have developed and fostered relationships with a variety of organisations to provide placement opportunities for our students. The Placement Team advertises over 1000 vacancies every year, ranging from local, national and international employers.

You can apply for placements via the Business Placement Vacancy site, the link to which can be found here: www.business.mmu.ac.uk/findaplacement/index.php

The Business Placements Team will be continually adding new roles for you to apply for on a daily basis so keep checking regularly to ensure you are aware of all the available opportunities.

You may also wish to source your own placement if you have a particular company / interest that you would like to pursue. Please contact our team for any advice or assistance with this and notify us once you have sourced your own placement and provide us with a copy of the job description for the role so that we can approve the position as a placement.

There are also other sites that you may wish to use to source a placement.



"I have had a fantastic year at Microsoft. From day one I was given high level responsibility for owning projects, running campaigns, managing agencies and working across different teams. With several stretch projects to get involved in, I have found myself supporting the Gadget Show, Surface 2 launch, the O2 Campus party (a tech festival) and visiting Universities across the country with the Milkround team. I have also been able to spend time supporting other product teams across the business to learn about Microsoft from a consumer, commercial and B2B perspective. It has been an amazing experience and I would definitely recommend it to anyone."

Emily Byle (Marketing Management) - Partner Marketing Intern - Microsoft





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Online placement sources

There are lots of websites that can be a useful source of placement opportunities including;

Rate My Placement
www.ratemyplacement.co.uk

Milkround
www.milkround.com

Target Jobs
www.targetjobs.co.uk

All About Careers
www.allaboutcareers.com

Prospects
www.prospects.ac.uk

Inside Careers
www.insidecareers.co.uk

Careerplayer
www.careerplayer.com

Who can help?

The Business Placements Team are in the office Monday to Friday from 8.45am – 4.30pm and we will also have a presence on the Employability Hub on a daily basis.

The Employability Hub is situated on the ground floor of the Business School.

To contact our team you can either phone on **0161 247 3711**, email **businessplacements@mmu.ac.uk** or pop into the Employability Hub to ask us any questions or make an appointment to see one of our advisors.

We offer a free advice service with daily 1-2-1 appointments available.

You can gain advice on how to improve your applications and give yourself the best possible chance of getting through to the interview stage.

Once you reach the interview stage, you can book to attend a mock interview. This is a chance to practise your interview technique, see how interviews are structured and how you should conduct yourself during the interview.

We will also recommend workshops and guides which may be useful for your placement search.

In conjunction with the Careers and Employability Service, the Placement Team organise an annual Graduate Job & Placement Fair. This takes place on campus and is a chance to meet with employers to discuss placement and graduate opportunities. Companies who have previously attended include: Bentley, Aldi and NHS.

Anything else placement related that you would like to discuss – get in touch!



What's next?

Once you have obtained a placement – please let us know!

Students who undertake a placement year will pay a reduced tuition fee. In 2014/15, this was set at £680. You can claim your student loan whilst on placement but you will not be entitled to an MMU bursary. You can expect to be paid between £12,000-£16,500 depending on the role and location of your placement.

More opportunities whilst on placement

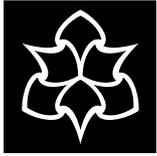
There will also be the opportunity to undertake a Placement-Based Project which accounts for 50% of your final year unit. This has the advantage of maximising your learning and understanding whilst on placement and reducing your project workload during your final year.

Contact us for more information.

'My work placement allowed me to gain invaluable real world work experience helping me to gain many professional skills which will set me apart from other graduates. I have been offered a graduate role at the firm after university, this is great as it will allow me to focus fully on my studies in my final year at university'.

Mohsin Saleem
(Business Economics)
Industrial Placement at PricewaterhouseCoopers.





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