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Westminster Employability Award Graduate Intern

Student & Academic Services

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OUR UNIVERSITY

Under the inspirational leadership of Professor Peter Bonfield OBE, the University of Westminster is a place where discoveries are made, barriers are broken, diversity is celebrated and where everyone is welcome. Serving more than 21,000 undergraduate, postgraduate, apprentice and executive students, our mission is to transform the lives of young people from all backgrounds. We seek to make the world a more inclusive, sustainable, better and healthier place through our educational, research and knowledge exchange endeavours.

Since our founding in 1838 we have stood out as innovators, committed to tackling social inequalities. In 2021, our University ranked 2nd in England out of more than 100 higher education institutions for social mobility. The ranking - produced by the Institute for Fiscal Studies and the Sutton Trust - compares the number of students from low-income backgrounds at universities, and the extent to which their studies helped them to move up the income ladder. Westminster has the second highest performance among universities in England.

As we focus forward to 2029, we will continue to do so in a way that is true to our progressive, compassionate and responsible values. Our education offer will be more personalised and authentic, giving students from all backgrounds an opportunity of transformative learning, helping them succeed in their studies and professional lives. Our curriculum will be employability-linked, leading to stronger outcomes and helping prepare our graduates for the world of work and for life. Our research and knowledge exchange will enable us to maximise our positive impact on societies in the UK and around the world in an environment where everyone is inspired to succeed. Our priorities of wellbeing, inclusion and sustainable development will help us as we navigate through the challenges and opportunities towards 2029.



OUR PRIORITIES

The University's 2022-2029 strategy, *Being Westminster*, sets us apart and builds on our unique history and achievements. In our University, we value social justice, moral conscience, inclusivity and equality, acting positively together to make change for good.

The University of Westminster has three priorities.

WELLBEING

Working and studying together at Westminster as a community of students and colleagues is a big part of our lives – doing so in an environment that places our wellbeing front and centre helps us to be safe and feel safe. We care for the safety, health and wellbeing of those around us as well as ourselves.

INCLUSION

All Westminster, colleagues and students are in a supportive and safe learning and working environment which is equitable, diverse and inclusive, is based on mutual respect and trust, and is a place where harassment and discrimination are not tolerated. As a responsible institution, we strive to ensure and to champion equality. As a progressive institution, we take pride in our diversity. As a compassionate institution, we commit to an inclusive culture that allows students and colleagues to reach their full potential.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

We take inspiration from the 17 United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in how we drive our actions and activities and governance across our University. As a community, we bring together our collective energies to play our part in addressing the climate crisis and inequalities to enable a more sustainable and socially just world. We are one of the top 20 universities in the world in SDG 5 for providing equal access and supporting the academic progression of women. We are one of the top 25 universities in the world in SDG 10 tackling economic, health based and international inequalities. We are in the top 50 universities in SDG 12 for promoting resource and energy efficiency, having a sustainable infrastructure, and providing access to basic services for all.



OUR OBJECTIVES 2022-2029

Against a backdrop of a changing and challenging higher education environment, the University has recently completed a major review of its objectives and strategy, and has published its commitments for the period 2022-29.

EDUCATION

We will offer personalised and authentic education, underpinned by an inclusive curriculum, to enable all our students, from all backgrounds, to engage in transformative learning and to succeed in their studies and professional lives. We will address global, political, and social challenges through a relevant demand-led and forward-looking portfolio. We will do this by offering authentic teaching, learning and assessment modes which immerse students in the wider-world through live projects, work-based learning and global opportunities. We will invest in our people to enable all teaching colleagues to plan and deliver exceptional learning experiences and professional colleagues to offer exceptional support. Students will be empowered by working in partnership with colleagues and fellow students to shape the Westminster experience. We will develop an integrated physical and digital environment that supports excellent practical, active and collaborative learning for all our students.

RESEARCH AND KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE

Research and knowledge exchange are fundamental to our commitment to making a positive difference to the world and transforming lives. We are committed to research in four priority areas: Diversity and Inclusion; Health Innovation and Wellbeing; Sustainable Cities and the Urban Environment; Arts, Communication and Culture. Our excellence in research and knowledge exchange will infuse our education endeavour, inspiring and equipping our students as agents of change locally as well as globally. We will continue to grow our community of PhD researchers, ensuring that the Westminster postgraduate research experience remains sector leading and the foundation for great careers. In knowledge exchange we will focus on engagement with government, business and with the public and local community. We will achieve more when we identify shared interests and build partnerships with our communities and collaborate for the public good with a clear civic purpose.

EMPLOYABILITY

We will ensure that all our students benefit from employability-led learning and purposeful engagement with employers, business and industry, to give students from every background the best possible preparation for the world of work and enable the best possible employability outcomes. We will do this through the further extension and embedding of programmes such as work-based and placement learning; the Westminster Employability Award; Westminster Working Cultures; mentoring; and student enterprise. Employability-related learning will be a core and critical part of the courses and curriculum we offer, right across the University. It will be front and centre of life at the University for students and colleagues.



A key priority will be the development of a dedicated Centre for Employability and Enterprise at 29 Marylebone Road, intended to transform our student experience and our engagement with business, industry and employers. The Centre will provide a game-changing experience through which undergraduate and postgraduate students from across Westminster will come together and practise enterprise; develop an entrepreneurial mindset and skills; access training, work, projects, business advice and mentoring; and connect directly with employers. The future-focused environment of the Centre will scale up our employability provision, helping our students to be 'fit for the future' in the most challenging of post-pandemic labour markets and economic environments. It will strengthen links between our UK-based and international employer partners and our motivated, bright, work-ready students, affording employers access to a diverse mix of people right for the needs of the contemporary workforce.

GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT

We will raise the international reputation and reach of the University, ensuring that 30% of our undergraduate community and 70% of our taught postgraduates come to us from overseas. Overseas partnerships will remain central to our global engagements. We will prioritise the outward mobility of our students to partner institutions, contributing to students' development of employability skills and competences. We will extend and deepen our Trans-National Education relationships. These partnerships, particularly that with Westminster International University in Tashkent, will move beyond franchised or validated arrangements to embrace employability, alumni-related research, CPD and knowledge exchange connections.



OUR STRUCTURE

ACADEMIC STRUCTURE

Our structure is built to deliver an enhanced learning environment, stronger and broader industrial, international and professional connections and pioneering and impactful research. The University comprises three Colleges:

Westminster Business School

- School of Organisations, Economy and Society
- School of Finance and Accounting
- School of Applied Management
- School of Management and Marketing

Design, Creative and Digital Industries

- School of Architecture and Cities
- Westminster School of Arts
- School of Computer Science and Engineering
- Westminster School of Media and Communications

Liberal Arts and Sciences

- School of Social Sciences
- Westminster Law School
- School of Humanities
- School of Life Sciences

The University Executive Board comprises:

- Vice Chancellor and President
- Deputy Vice Chancellor (Employability and Global Engagement)
- Deputy Vice Chancellor (Education and Students)
- Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research and Knowledge Exchange)
- Chief Operating Officer and University Secretary
- Three Heads of College

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Our Professional Services teams support the effective and professional delivery of our teaching, research and knowledge exchange and the management of student residences and sports facilities.

- Academic Registry
- Business Engagement
- Estates
- Finance and Commercial Activities
- Global Recruitment, Admissions, Marketing and Communications
- Information Systems and Support
- People, Culture and Wellbeing
- Strategy, Planning and Performance
- Student and Academic Services



JOB DESCRIPTION

Job Title: Westminster Employability Award Graduate Intern
Reports to: Student Engagement and Employability Projects Manager
Department: Student & Academic Services
Grade: NG2

ROLE PURPOSE

To support the development and upscale of the Westminster Employability award through ongoing promotions, community building and supporting new initiatives.

PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTABILITIES

Support the development of initiatives on the Westminster Employability Award (WEA), from planning and promotion to delivery and evaluation under the close direction of the WEA Programme Officer

Contribute ideas for increasing participation and engagement in the Westminster Employability Award, including (but not limited to) targeting specific colleges, postgraduate students and marginalised/harder-to-reach students.

Create online and printed marketing materials and resources for the Early Careers Support Project, for example blog posts and social media campaigns, working in collaboration with the WEA team and relevant communication planning groups.

Ensure web pages and social media groups providing information about the Westminster Employability Award are kept current.

Maintain a good understanding of Careers and Employability services and other services for students across the university.

Support the team with events planning and support, including curriculum sessions, outreach, WEA leaders programme, end-of-year ceremony, and community events.

Support with administrative tasks, such as approving student submissions on Engage (online system), issuing badges and promptly responding to enquiries from the WEA email inbox.

Contribute to continuous improvement of the award, attending and contributing to meetings (in person and remotely), delivering to timescales to support the wider team.

Carry out any other duties relevant to providing CES services to recent graduates and in keeping with the grade of the role.

CONTEXT

The Graduate Intern works with the Careers and Employability Service Manager and others involved in the Early Careers Support Project, providing administrative and communications support.



This post forms part of the Student Engagement and Projects team. The team acts as the link between the Careers and Employability Service and our student and graduate clients, ensuring high customer satisfaction.

The team's primary purpose is to enhance students' employability by widening access to the service, continually undertaking cutting-edge projects and initiatives, and ensuring services are communicated effectively. They are underpinned by customer feedback and student needs.

Graduate Employability is one of 7 key measures of success in the University of Westminster's strategy. Careers and Employability colleagues work in cross-functional teams and on collaborative projects, within the University and with external partners to increase graduate employability. The Careers and Employability Service is committed to continuous quality improvement in services and places student experience and outcomes at the heart of our work.

The Careers and Employability Service, based in Student and Academic Services, is organised into 3 teams - Careers Advisory Services, Work Experience and Recruiter Engagement, and Student Engagement and Projects.

The job will be based at a named site, but all University appointments are made on the understanding that colleagues may serve at any of the service points should the need arise.

To understand individual health and safety responsibilities and an awareness of the risks in the work environment and their potential impact on both individual work and that of others.

Student and Academic Services (SAS) provides professional, efficient, effective and consistent researcher and student-focused support and services across the University's main sites in the West End and at Harrow. It will lead on professional support for a wide range of governance, research, learning and wellbeing interventions that enhance the experience of students, colleagues and alumni throughout their relationship with the University.

SAS is committed to developing the skills and capabilities of its colleagues through a proactive programme of colleague development. The post holder will be expected to engage in personal development and be a role model to all department members.

SAS is a large and complex Directorate, organised into five clusters:

Business Operations

Employability and Graduate Success Learning Innovation and Digital Engagement

Library and Archives Service

Student Support and Residential Life

DIMENSIONS

This role has no budget or line management responsibility.



PERSON SPECIFICATION

QUALIFICATIONS

Essential

A recent University of Westminster graduate.

TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE

Essential

- Administration experience within a team environment
- Excellent IT skills including good working knowledge of MS Office and tools which facilitate virtual communications and learning, and the ability to learn from other online systems.
- Experience of carrying out communications and/or marketing activities, especially with a student or graduate audience.
- Experience in supporting events, including invitations, registrations and set-up; comfortable providing information positively and accurately, enabling students to make an informed choice.
- Excellent oral and written communication skills with experience of producing online content such as blog posts.

Desirable

- Experience working in a student support department or related service.
- Familiarity with the University and its courses and services.
- Knowledge of the services provided by the Careers and Employability Service.
- Knowledge of Engage or equivalent online Careers System

APTITUDES, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL ATTRIBUTES

Essential

- Excellent interpersonal skills and ability to establish good working relationships with colleagues, graduates and external partners.
- Ability to use tact and discretion when working with sensitive, confidential and personal issues.
- Excellent at paying attention to detail, organising and prioritising work and working accurately under pressure and to tight deadlines.
- Ability to work as part of a busy team and be a team player.



- Flexible to adapting to an ever-changing environment.
- Have a high level of commitment.
- Efficient and reliable.
- Have a pro-active approach to problem solving
- Self-motivated and flexible.
- Fully committed to contributing to a stimulating learning and working environment which is supportive and fair, based on mutual respect and trust, and in which harassment and discrimination are neither tolerated nor acceptable.
- Exact working patterns to be decided, but some flexibility may be required in order to attend online events supporting recent graduates.



HOW TO APPLY

To apply for this vacancy, please visit our [vacancies page](#) where you will be able to download our application form template. You will then be requested to complete a quick registration before being able to upload completed application form and any supporting documentation.

Applications should include:

- A concise statement in support (ideally no longer than two pages), addressing the criteria in the Person Specification and motivation for applying.
- You may also include an up to date curriculum vitae.
- names and contact details of two referees (although referees will only be approached at offer stage).

The deadline for receipt of applications is midnight on 08 September 2024.

Interviews will take place on 23 September 2024.

An appointment will be made subject to proof of eligibility to work in the UK and satisfactory references being obtained.

At the University of Westminster, diversity, inclusion and equality of opportunity are at the core of how we engage with students, colleagues, applicants, visitors and all our stakeholders.

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The University has adopted Smart Working principles to support and further our Equality, Diversity and Inclusion aims of being an inclusive, collaborative and flexible employer. Further details of Smart Working can be discussed at interview stage.



OUR BENEFITS

The University offers a range of wellbeing and work-life balance benefits to recognise and reward the essential contribution our colleagues make to success and growth. Our benefits are inclusive for colleagues of all backgrounds including LGBTQ+ colleagues, disabled colleagues, pregnant colleagues, parents and carers, as well as colleagues of all genders, age, ethnicities, nationalities, religion and beliefs, and marriage and civil partnership status.

- 35 days annual leave per year, plus bank/national holidays and University of Westminster closure days (pro-rata for part-time staff).
- A generous occupational pension scheme.
- Annual incremental progression and/or cost of living reviews.
- Generous maternity, paternity and adoption leave.
- Flexible working and smart working.
- Learning and development opportunities.
- Free membership rates for a wide range of sporting facilities, including gyms at Regent Street and Harrow campuses, as well as the Chiswick Sports Ground.
- Employee assistance programme.
- The opportunity to participate in other attractive employee benefit schemes such as Cycle to Work, Eye Care Vouchers, Season Ticket Loans, and Give As You Earn.





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