

CAREER DEVELOPMENT CENTRE  
LOOKING FOR WORK  
AFTER GRADUATING?

HOW WE CAN HELP

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THE UK'S LEADING EMPLOYERS EXPECT TO RECRUIT SIGNIFICANTLY MORE GRADUATES IN 2014 AND ARE OFFERING 8.7% MORE ENTRY-LEVEL VACANCIES THAN LAST YEAR – THE BIGGEST ANNUAL RISE IN GRADUATE RECRUITMENT FOR FOUR YEARS.

THE GRADUATE MARKET IN 2014, HIGH FLIERS

## LOOKING FOR WORK AFTER GRADUATING

Have you heard the stories in the media about the lack of graduate opportunities available? It's true that there have been decreases in some industries, but others have seen growth.

### Top tip

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Do you know someone working in the field that you are interested in? You could ask them how they got their role and what the job is really like.

### Not sure which career path to follow? Confused by all the options available?

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You're not alone. Many students find that it is difficult to identify what they would like to do after graduating. Luckily, there are a number of things you can do to help identify your options and reach a decision. Use an online careers tool – These can help you think about what skills and abilities you have to offer and what careers may match them. Those you can access include My Potential, Adult Directions, Prospects Planner and Windmills. We have links to these at: [westminster.ac.uk/study/current-students/support-and-facilities/career-development-centre/finding-work/what-career-is-right-for-you](http://westminster.ac.uk/study/current-students/support-and-facilities/career-development-centre/finding-work/what-career-is-right-for-you)

### Visit the Career Development Centre

Our Careers Consultants are available for individual appointments of up to 45 minutes, to discuss career options, overcoming barriers to achieving your career goals, setting out action plans and any other issues relating to your career. You are required to attend a quick query session before booking a careers guidance interview. We are happy for you to attend up to four guidance interviews per academic year. To book an appointment, telephone 020 7911 5184.

# ONLINE PROMOTION IS THE MOST POPULAR MARKETING ACTIVITY WITH 96.3% OF AGR EMPLOYERS ENGAGING IN THIS. 89.3% OF AGR EMPLOYERS CONTINUE TO TARGET UK UNIVERSITIES FOR CAMPUS EVENTS OR LOCAL ADVERTISING.

THE ASSOCIATION OF GRADUATE RECRUITERS (AGR)

GRADUATE RECRUITMENT SURVEY 2013, WINTER REVIEW

## **Decided on a career path? Need to find vacancies and more information?**

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We can help you to locate opportunities and the information you need to complete your job search.

### **Career Development Centre website**

There is a wealth of information available on our website such as advice on CVs and Applications, sources of job vacancies and interview tips as well as course specific information in our 'Finding jobs by subject' section.

**[westminster.ac.uk/careers](http://westminster.ac.uk/careers)**

### **Vacancies and events system**

You can access graduate opportunities through our system as well as register yourself for the careers events that we arrange.

Attending employer events is a really good way of finding out more about a company or industry and can provide valuable networking opportunities. Check the vacancy and events system regularly to see what events are coming up:

**[careers.westminster.ac.uk](http://careers.westminster.ac.uk)**

### **Speak to a careers consultant**

Make an appointment to discuss your job hunting strategy with one of our careers consultants. You are required to attend a quick query session before booking a careers guidance interview. We are happy for you to attend up to four guidance interviews per academic year. To book, call 0207 911 5184.

## **Ready to apply for roles in your chosen field?**

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If you have identified a role you would like to apply to, you can contact the Career Development Centre for further help. Remember, it is better to submit a few quality, targeted applications, rather than sending out many generalised applications.

### **Quick Query**

These 20 minute one to one sessions are perfect for CV, covering letter and application checking. To book, just call 0207 911 5184 or access the online vacancy and events system on the day you'd like to attend.

### **Mock interview**

If you would like to practise and receive feedback on your interview technique, you can request a mock interview with a Careers Consultant.

### **Information resources**

There are reference materials on CVs, interviews and psychometric tests available for your use. You can also access resources on our website, including online ability and personality assessments.

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