

Giving you the edge in your future

Preparation for your career should be one of the first things you think about as you start university. At Birmingham, we understand how important it is to get ready for the world of work during your time here. We give you all the help you need to enhance your degree and CV through opportunities like employment experience and volunteering, while helping you to balance this with the academic pressure of studying.

In 1900, Joseph Chamberlain founded the University of Birmingham to create a new model for higher education and to produce the minds that would shape the modern industrial world.

Today, the University aims to enable and inspire students to develop their potential, grow intellectually, and gain the skills, understanding and attributes that are highly sought after by employers. Your time at Birmingham will prepare you for life as an active member of a global society, giving you excellent future prospects in a competitive employment market.

Investing in the future

The University has recently invested £5 million into expanding our student employability services. Through a wide range of sector-leading initiatives, we give our students access to [mentoring \(/generic/internships/mentoring/index.aspx\)](#) by some of the University's most successful alumni, national award-winning [internships \(/generic/internships/index.aspx\)](#) and [work experience \(/postgraduate/careers/work-experience.aspx\)](#) placements in the UK and overseas.

Our Careers Network is a unique careers guidance service tailored to your academic subject area. Each academic college has a team of specialist careers advisors who can give you expert, specialist advice for your chosen career. It's all part of our commitment to making sure you succeed after your time studying here.

Birmingham has a reputation for producing sought after graduates

The University was ranked 8th in the UK in the [High Fliers Graduate Market in 2012 report \(http://www.highfliers.co.uk/download/GMReport12.pdf\)](#) which identifies the institutions that are most targeted by leading companies. The report identifies that graduate recruiters have put more emphasis on university careers services and campus drop-in sessions during this year's recruitment campaigns, and less emphasis on advertising in sector guides, local guides and graduate directories.

In late 2011, the International Herald Tribune, the global edition of The New York Times, ranked the University of Birmingham 55th in the world and 9th in the UK for post-qualification employability. The rankings illustrate the [top 150 universities \(http://www.nytimes.com/imagepages/2011/10/20/education/20iht-SReducEmploy20-graphic.html?ref=education\)](#) most frequently selected by global employers.

Take advantage of a wealth of opportunities to enhance your employability

From working in a Panda sanctuary in China to an HR internship with GlaxoSmithKline in Casablanca, Morocco, our students have undertaken work experience placements on every continent except Antarctica!

Our [Alumni Leadership Mentor Programme \(/generic/internships/mentoring/index.aspx\)](#) offers a number of exceptional students the opportunity to receive one-to-one mentoring from high-profile Birmingham alumni, including former Chief Medical Officer Sir Liam Donaldson and Green Wing actress Tamsin Greig, throughout their final year.

We also offer bursaries for undergraduate students to undertake work experience that they might not otherwise be able to afford. Whatever your ambition, our support, advice and guidance will help you achieve it.

Further information can be found regarding [work experience \(/postgraduate/careers/work-experience.aspx\)](#), [internships \(/generic/internships/index.aspx\)](#) and [mentoring \(/generic/internships/mentoring/index.aspx\)](#).