

## MBA Careers

Birmingham Business School understands the importance of undertaking an MBA Business programme for your career development. Finding the right employment afterwards will clearly be an important objective and our primary aim is to help you do so.

The Careers in Business team and experienced consultants provide a specialist careers support service located in University House for the exclusive use of Business School postgraduates.

### What our MBA graduates go on to do

For many who join us, the Birmingham MBA is a major step towards developing an international or strategic focus within their careers. Some accelerate successful careers with existing employers. Others create potential for change. Major directions include jobs in banking, business analysis and development, management and strategy consulting, corporate finance and investment, human resource management and marketing.

- Finance/Banking/Accounting 32%
- Consulting 13%
- Hi-Technology/IT/Telecomms 9%
- Healthcare/Pharmaceutical 9%
- Media/Entertainment 4%
- Government/Non-Profit 16%
- Consumer Goods/Retail 6%
- Other industries 10%



### 'Careers in Business'

Our in-house careers unit is for the exclusive use of postgraduate students in the Business School. Their role is to support your career development and this can be done in a variety of ways.

- Advice and guidance, provided by professionally qualified Careers Advisors, who offer individual consultations,
- Career Development lectures and workshops and a Career Management skills programme;
- Employer liaison, bringing in a variety of organisations to give presentations
- Offer vacancies for full-time work and dissertation projects and deliver skills sessions and mock interviews.

Personal skills are increasingly valued by employers and this is reflected in our Personal Development module and Skills Series that include sessions on a wide variety of topics such as Networking, Team Working, Time Management, Leadership, Consulting Skills, Personal Image and Presentation, Assertiveness, Influencing and Persuading Skills, Stress Management and Emotional Intelligence.

### 'Incubator' support

Many students will have their own business idea that they would like to develop and we can provide support for this. Our Entrepreneurship & Innovation Centre gives practical support for embryo businesses. The Centre provides professional office and meeting (incubator) space and one-to-one expert guidance and advice. Access to the Business School network (industrial links, partners, advisers/mentors, alumni and other students) is available, as are networking events, work space, skills programmes, funding, and, where possible, access to the media. The Centre also runs a Postgraduate Enterprise Summer School, which MBAs are encouraged to attend, designed to prepare you to:

- Develop a business idea from the concept stage to a fully fledged business proposition
- Know the steps required to set up their own business
- Be aware of the requirements to commercialise research in an academic environment.
- Be able to work effectively in a team environment
- Identify which role they are best suited to in a business team



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