

Giving you the edge in your future

At Birmingham, we understand that preparing for your future in the world of work during your time here is vital. We give you all the help you need to enhance your career prospects through opportunities like the Personal Skills Award, internships, work experience and volunteering, while helping you to balance this with the academic pressure of studying.

Joseph Chamberlain founded the University of Birmingham in 1900 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.

Birmingham has a reputation for producing sought after graduates

The University was ranked in the top 12 most targeted universities by leading employers in the UK in the **High Fliers Graduate Market in 2014** (<http://www.highfliers.co.uk/download/GMRReport14.pdf>) report. The report identifies that record numbers of recruiters are targeting first year undergraduates when promoting their graduate opportunities so our work to build effective employer relationships has benefits for students from the word go.

Internationally **QS World University rankings** (<http://www.topuniversities.com/node/2213/ranking-details/world-university-rankings/2013>) has us ranked 63rd in the world for employer reputation and the Guardian University Guide 2015 places us 8th in the UK for career prospects.

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** (</undergraduate/careers/work-experience.aspx>), **internships** (</generic/internships/index.aspx>) and **mentoring** (</generic/internships/mentoring/index.aspx>).