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Plan for Success: for new taught postgraduate students

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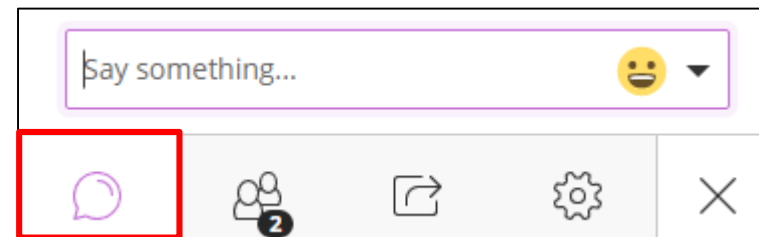


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Aim

To introduce you to some resources and support that will:

- Help you to consider how to **make the most** of your post-graduate experience to enhance your career prospects
- Support you to **make** and **implement** well-informed career decisions





What are your career plans?

- I know what I want to do once I complete my postgraduate degree, and I know how to make it happen
- I know what I want to do once I complete my postgraduate degree, but I need support to make it happen
- I have some ideas of future careers, but I'd like to explore others
- I really don't have any idea what I'd like to do once I complete my postgraduate degree





Making the most of your postgraduate studies

What do you want to achieve? Set some goals

- Gain specific knowledge – consider courses choices, projects and dissertations (is there an option for a work based dissertation?)
- Gain experience – insight into career areas, experience of work, develop language or other skills
- Develop skills – how can you do this and what evidence will you have?
- Build a network (social, academic or career support)– on course (study groups), wider postgraduate community (societies), academic community (seminars)





Making career decisions: what to consider

About you

- What do you want from a career? Values, skills, needs, interests
- What do you have to offer an employer (or PhD supervisor)?
- Where do you want to be geographically?

About opportunities

- What CAN you do after your Masters?
- What does a job involve and where might it lead?
- What's involved in entry to different career areas?





Making career decisions: useful resources

MyCareerhub > resources > career assessments

- strengths, temperament, workplace culture, personality insight

University of Edinburgh graduate destinations

- for your course, for other courses in your School

Careers Service website > occupations

- what's the job like, information about a sector, related careers, entry requirements

Networking: talking to people on your course, going to employer or alumni events, using LinkedIn alumni tool

- insider view of career areas, information about career paths and skills needed, employer view of your experience and qualifications





Gaining experience

Why?

To gain useful skills and business awareness

To explore a specific career area

To earn some money

To improve language skills

Other?

How?

Voluntary work – Students' Association www.eusa.ed.ac.uk > activities > volunteering

Part-time job – <https://mycareerhub.ed.ac.uk> > Opportunities

- www.ed.ac.uk/careers > looking for work > part-time jobs

Member or position in a society - Students' Association > activities > societies

Remember: balance your time carefully





Considering further study

To consider:

- Why further study?
- Is it right for you?
- Where is the best place for what you want to do? Including supervisor
- What is the application process
- Options for funding?
- Deadlines – applications and funding

Information and advice:

- Postgraduate launchpad events www.ed.ac.uk/students > careers > PG launchpad
- Moving on to a PhD www.ed.ac.uk/careers/postgrad > taught PG > moving on to a PhD
- Talk to current PhD students in your department
- www.ed.ac.uk/careers > your future > what are your options > further study





Careers Service Events

All advertised on MyCareerHub under events

Meeting employers and exploring careers:

Careers Fairs – general, IT, engineering, third sector, virtual China and SE Asia

Employer presentations – varied, mainly semester one

Festivals – creative and cultural, global horizons, enterprise

Insight events – art world, insurance, and more

Finding work:

Workshops / online sessions – finding a part-time job, working in the UK after graduation, returning home, CVs, interviews, assessment centres

Further study:

Career conversations – thinking about a PhD

Postgrad launchpad – admissions, careers and finance advice





Key resources

Careers Service website – www.ed.ac.uk/careers

Useful careers information on careers, further study, finding work, making applications

MyCareerHub – <https://mycareerhub.ed.ac.uk>

Ask questions, browse events and job opportunities (part-time and graduate), make an appointment to speak to a Careers Consultant (in person, Skype or telephone)

Your School Careers Consultant

Look out for regular newsletters e-mailed to you – information, advice, talks and opportunities for consultation in your School





Top three tips for success

1. Explore
2. Get involved
3. Start early

Look out for: **Get Started Now** Tues 5th Sept, 12:00pm - 12:30pm

Any questions?

