Econ Careers Video Transcript

Who are you and what scheme are you joining?

Hi, I'm Carl. I'm in my final year of my degree in Philosophy, Politics and Economics, and I'm looking forward to joining the Civil Service Fast Stream, on the Project Delivery Scheme, in September.

Which skills developed during your degree have been useful in graduate applications?

I would say the top 3 skills which I developed throughout my degree, particularly in the economics side, which were applicable to the interview and application process were critical thinking skills, problem solving skills, and overall communication skills, both verbal and written communication. Developing these throughout your degree is something I would definitely recommend focusing on in order to achieve success during graduate applications.

How can you best prepare for interviews and the overall application process?

In terms of adequately preparing for graduate or internship applications, my top tips would be to really get to know the organisation you're applying to: it sounds cliché, but it really makes a difference when you know exactly what the organisation does, why it does this, and what type of value you can bring to that organisation, which you can show off in your interviews. Secondly, don't just provide generic reasons why you want the job or the role you're applying for. It's always beneficial to use concrete examples and reason's why you are interested in the specific role. The interviewer will pick up on this, and it will set you apart from other candidates.

How important is it to have extra-curricular activities on your CV/application?

In terms of things you can get up to outside of your degree, I think it's really beneficial to have some hobbies, interests, or work experience on your CV to show employers that you are keen to get involved in new things. When looking at experiences you've had outside of your degree, think about the skills you have learned and developed throughout these experiences, which can be applied to the role you're applying to. Try to focus on experiences which you could easily talk about when asked questions by interviewers.

Any general advice for improving chances of success during the application process?

There are 3 general tips I have for prospective applicants. The first one is to focus practicing interviews and online tests. Practice does make perfect, and the more that you do, the more you will improve your confidence and ability to be successful in the different types of tests and interviews used by employers. The second tip is to make use of the resources which are available to you. For instance, there are thousands of books in Warwick library on interview tips and how to write a good CV. This is alongside different societies putting on career events around campus, and also the thousands of resources you can find on the internet. The third and final tip is to be

proactive and to start early in your applications. Having a plan and being organised is one of the best things you can do to improve your chances of success in any application that you decide to undertake.

Thanks for watching and if you have any further questions, feel free to let me know!