

Career Planning and Job Application Insights

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Today's Session Aims

- To help you feel better prepared for your future career by introducing an approach to career planning, typical recruitment timelines and popular career destinations
- To help you make effective applications – from researching jobs and employers through to writing applications to help get you shortlisted
- General top tips on graduate recruitment trends
- Explain the support available

What is a Career?



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Consider what you love to do ...

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What do you love to do?

What energises you?

What are you doing when
time passes quickly for
you?

What comes naturally to
you?

Career Planning – Knowing Yourself

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- [Self Awareness moodle](#)
- [Starter Strengths Profile](#)
- [Prospects Planner – What Job would suit me?](#)

Career Planning – Exploring Your Career Options

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- [Departmental Careers Page](#)
- [Warwick Alumni E-mentoring](#)
- [LinkedIn](#)
- [Research careers](#)
- [Job Sector links](#)

Career Planning – Making Decisions

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- How have you made good decisions in the past?
- What **colour hat** do you tend to wear when making decisions?
([Edward de Bono Six thinking hats](#))

Career Planning – Moving On

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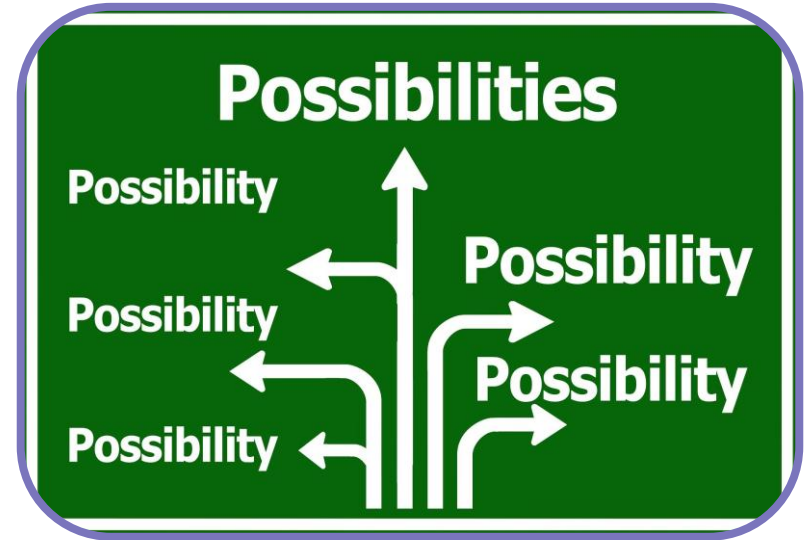
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The “Moving On” zone involves putting together [applications](#), practising and preparing for [interviews](#).

Popular Career Options

- [Banking](#) and [Finance](#)
- [Economic consulting](#) (follow this link for a list of consultancies)
- Research
- Public sector/[government](#)
- Further study



Many employers are hiring now

- But.. your course is demanding
- It takes time to put together well-researched, tailored applications

You need to decide whether to apply now or leave it until nearer the end/after your course

Applications: How to get started

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1

Understand what the specific **role/programme** involves

2

Identify the **skills** and **qualities** required for the job/programme you are applying for

3

Identify your personal **relevant** experiences, skills and strengths

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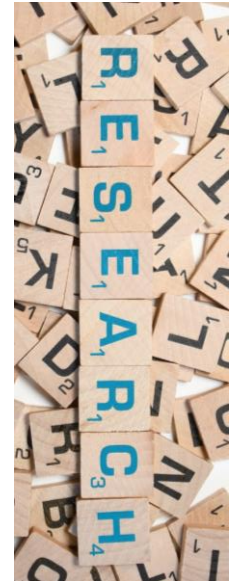
Define your **unique selling points**

Researching a job role

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- Organisation website
- Job description/person spec or [Prospects Role profiles](#)
- [LinkedIn](#)
- [Business databases](#)
- [Careers Fairs](#) and [Employer Presentations](#)
- [Warwick Alumni E-mentoring](#)
- Condensed news via [Finimize](#) or [FT Podcast](#)



Application Resources

Student Opportunity: Careers

[Your options](#) | [Get experience](#) | [Searching jobs](#) | [Applications & interviews](#) | [Graduates](#) | [Events](#) | [Help & advice](#)

Applications

Cover letters

A covering letter is a great way to get your CV noticed. Use these resources to help you write an effective covering letter.

CVs

Want to be noticed by employers? A good CV is essential. Use these resources to help you produce a good CV

Application forms

Many employers request that you complete an application form. These will ask for biographical information, but can also contain some challenging questions.

Interviews

Learn how to shine at virtual interviews. The different types of questions, how to prepare, interview practice and useful videos.

Assessment centres

Been invited to a virtual assessment centre? Find out what is expected, how to prepare with videos and resources about assessment centres to help you succeed.

[PREPARE >](#)

Psychometric and Aptitude tests

Need to take an aptitude test for an application? Or want to find out more about your working style and interests? Try our online tests and questionnaires.

[PRACTICE >](#)

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Use the [applications resources](#) before booking into an Application Review slot on [myAdvantage](#).

CVs – make the right impression

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Formatting is crucial – you may have **only 30 seconds** to make a good impression.... (Use bullet points for clarity)

Employer may browse looking for **keywords** and **evidence** of qualifications and skills.

There are no points for the number of things you have done... *relevance* is paramount. (2 pages maximum)

Get it proofread – *spelling and grammar errors are a top reason why applications are rejected*

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Recorded Video Interviews

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Typically, you will have only a short time to reply – countdown timer is common.



Think about how you come across. (Add a post-it-note just above your camera to make sure you are looking at it rather than the screen.)



Treat it as you would do a face-to-face interview



For body language advice [Watch Amy Cuddy's TED talk on 'Your body language may shape who you are'](#)

Interview Preparation Support

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- [Book a careers guidance appointment](#) (add a comment to say that you want interview practice, giving details on the job/employer)
or an [Applications Feedback and Opportunity Advice appointment](#)
- Practise using either [Graduates First](#) or record yourself on your phone
- Use the resources on our [Interviews webpage](#)

Careers Support



<https://go.warwick.ac.uk/careers>

- 1:1 Careers guidance & interview support
- Applications & CV Reviews
- Careers Fairs, Events & Employer Presentations
- Online Careers resources
- International Careers Support

Careers Events

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<https://warwick.ac.uk/services/careers/events/>

- [Careers Fairs and Networking Events](#)
- [Employer Presentations](#)
- [Meet the Professionals Events](#)
- [Careers Workshops](#)

Online Career Resources

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<https://go.warwick.ac.uk/careers>

- Video interview practice via [Graduates First](#)
- Practice selection tests via [Graduates First](#)
- eCareersGrad 'Interview Success' and 'Master the Commercial & Consulting Case' video courses [register here](#).
- [Warwick Careers Blog](#)

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<https://warwick.ac.uk/services/careers/findingwork/international/>



Access Warwick's GoinGlobal platform for free [here](#).

- worldwide job listings and internships
- country specific career information
- visa regulations, CV guidelines and interview advice
- corporate profiles and industry profiles.

myAdvantage

<http://go.warwick.ac.uk/myadvantage>

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Book
appointments

Vacancies

Events

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**The Student Opportunity
Hub** is in the
Senate House Building.

For more information
about services offered in
the Hub, see our [website](#).



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S1.65 is in the
Social Sciences Building

This is where most
appointments with
Stephanie will take place
or online.



Departmental Careers Website

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Careers

Careers & Skills

Where can I work?

An economics degree can open up a wide range of career opportunities. It equips you with a variety of transferable skills such as analytical and problem-solving skills, oral and written communication skills, team working skills among others. Our aim is to support your career planning by presenting to you the diverse opportunities that are available, ranging from working in consultancies to think tanks, regulators and policy organisations

[Actuarial Firms](#) [International Organisations](#)
[Banking, Finance and Asset Management](#) [Think Tanks, Policy Organisations and Regulators](#)
[Economics Consultancies](#) [Explore other job sectors](#)

Resources & Insights

Student Videos
Current and past students give advice on how to be successful in job/placement applications, internships and further study applications.

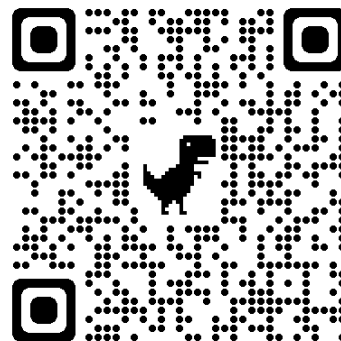
Student Societies
Discover the career support opportunities offered by the student societies.

Skills Map
See skills that you can acquire in different undergraduate modules

Graduate Destinations Report
Find out how the 2021 Undergraduate Economics cohort have progressed with their careers since graduating.

Careers in Economics Webinars
We host events so that our students can engage with relevant employers.

<https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/soc/economics/current/careers/>



Departmental Events



- Careers in Economics Event - Tue 8 Nov, 11-4pm
- [Alumni Career Journeys Event](#) – Wed 26 Oct, 3-4pm

MSc Careers & Employability Teams Channel

Keeping you
informed about job
opportunities and
careers events.



MSc Careers and
Employability 2022-23

View Videos of Previous Economics Careers Events

<https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/soc/economics/current/careers/careers-in-economics-webinar-series-2020-21>

Make sure you are logged in to view the YouTube recordings!

Past Events Included

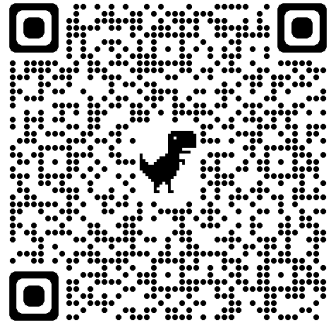
Working for a Central Bank

Working in Economic Consultancy: An Alumni Perspective

Working in the Civil Service as an Economist

Working as a Graduate Economist for Ofwat

Alumni Career Journeys

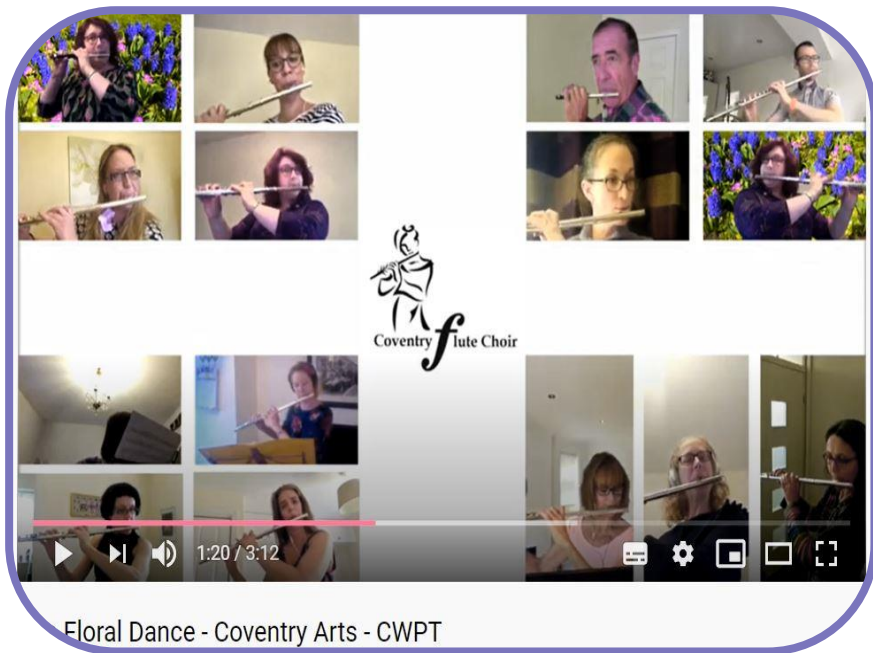


Final Call to Action!

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This year- do at least **one** thing outside of your studies!





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Any questions?