

CAREERS, EMPLOYABILITY & SKILLS

Explore your options,
build experience
and know where to get support

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Today

Who can help me with my career?

Recruitment Timescales, Career Planning and Spring Weeks

University Careers Events, Resources and Programmes

Departmental Careers Events, Resources and Programmes

Introducing the Warwick Award

Questions

CAREERS SUPPORT

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EMPLOYABILITY TEAM WITHIN ECONOMICS

- **UG Academic Careers Co-ordinator**, Farzad Javidanrad employer liaison with Economics employers to arrange events/visits (e.g. Bank of England)
- **PG Academic Careers Co-ordinator** Zeynep Kurter
- **Senior Careers Consultant**, Stephanie Redding: dept career sessions, careers guidance, mock interviews and regular term time Careers Bulletins
- **Head of Marketing and Communications**, Bozena Beauclair and **Student Employability and Alumni Engagement Officer**: Alumni Careers events and collaboration with Careers for the Economics, Finance & Consultancy Fair

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CENTRAL CAREER TEAM BASED ONLINE/IN THE HUB, SENATE HOUSE

- Careerset- NEW RESOURCE- 24/7 CV, Cover Letter & LinkedIn feedback
- Psychometric test practice
- Recorded workshops

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FOR ECONOMICS & MANAGEMENT STUDENTS ONLY

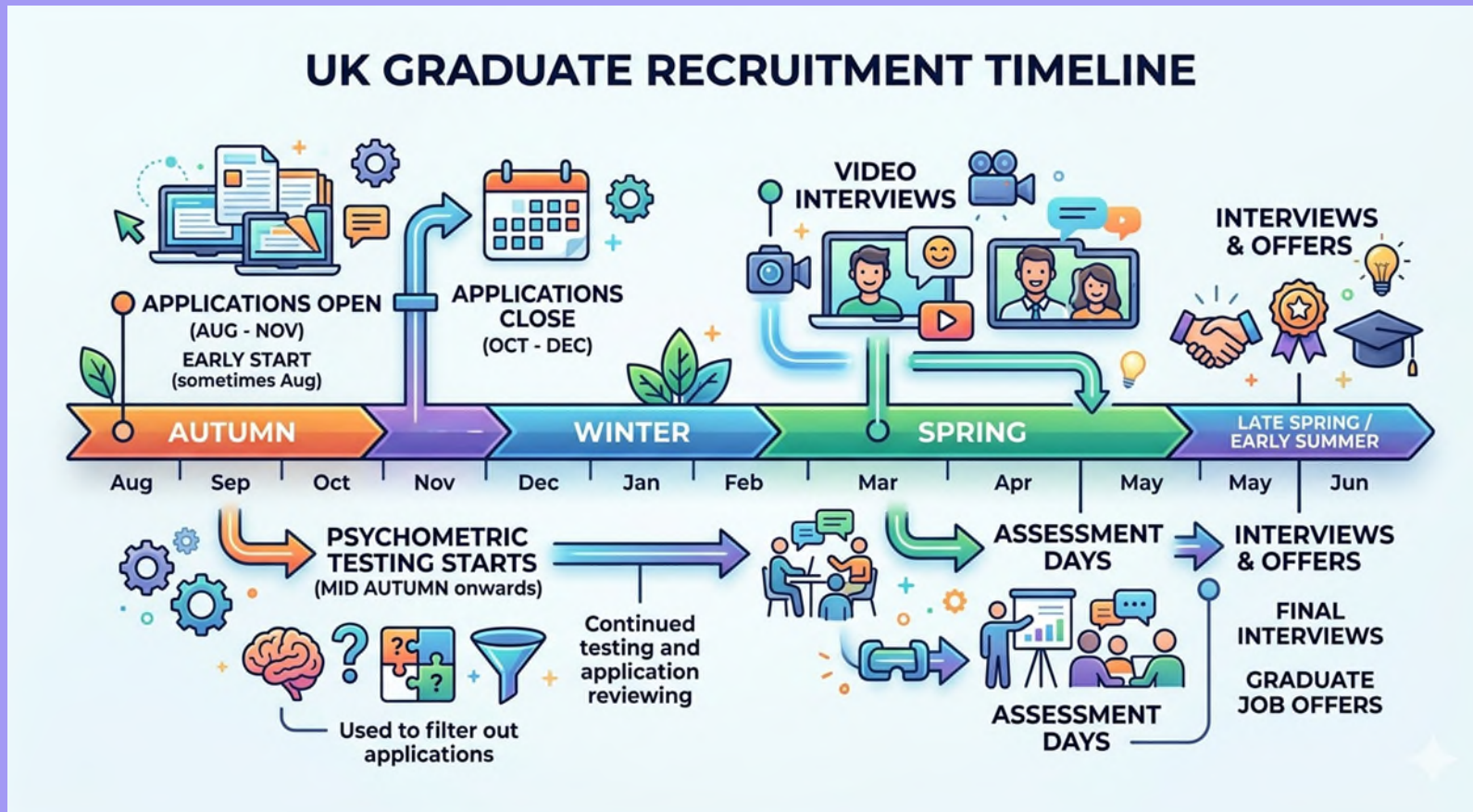
- WBS Careers Plus

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Timescales



- Applications for **internship, placements and graduate schemes** usually open in autumn
- **Springs weeks** open for applications in the autumn of your first year.
- Applications for **graduate jobs** rather than schemes will start around April of your final year

Spring Weeks and Insight programmes

Do not panic



Spring Weeks or **insight programmes** are short, highly competitive work experience opportunities that are designed to give a first look into a business and its functions.



Relevant if you're seriously considering a career in areas like investment banking and finance



If this is you - then absolutely - research the opportunities, check the deadlines and consider applying.



But: there are lots of different careers and there will be other opportunities to gain experience.



Don't apply because you feel that everyone else is doing so.

Spring Weeks Hints and Tips

Important: Spring Week applications are open now and close very early, so please be aware of this if you are hoping to apply

- Identify options using Trackr, (use last year's opening dates as a guide)
- Other useful sites for options: myAdvantage, Bright Network, RateMyPlacement,
- Before making applications, research employers and attend relevant careers events such as:
 - Autumn Term Careers Fair 11-4 Tue 13 October 2026
 - Economics, Finance and Consultancy Fair 11-3 Thu 15 October 2026 (includes Spring Week panel 2-3pm)
- CareerSet: for 24/7 online support for your applications
- Graduates First: Free psychometric tests and video interview practice
- Societies are a great way of getting tips and advice on where and how to apply

Don't put too much pressure on yourself to apply, especially if the sectors offering these opportunities don't appeal to you.

- *Whether you decide to apply for a Spring week is a personal choice.*

Insights from students vs employers



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You do not need a perfect plan

It is normal to...

- have several ideas or none at all
- change direction
- learn by trying things

What helps...

- getting involved in societies, volunteering and/or departmental roles
- understanding the skills you are developing
- exploring your strengths and interests
- ask for advice early on; attend events;

Small actions now create more choices and opportunities after graduation



University Careers Events, Resources and Programmes

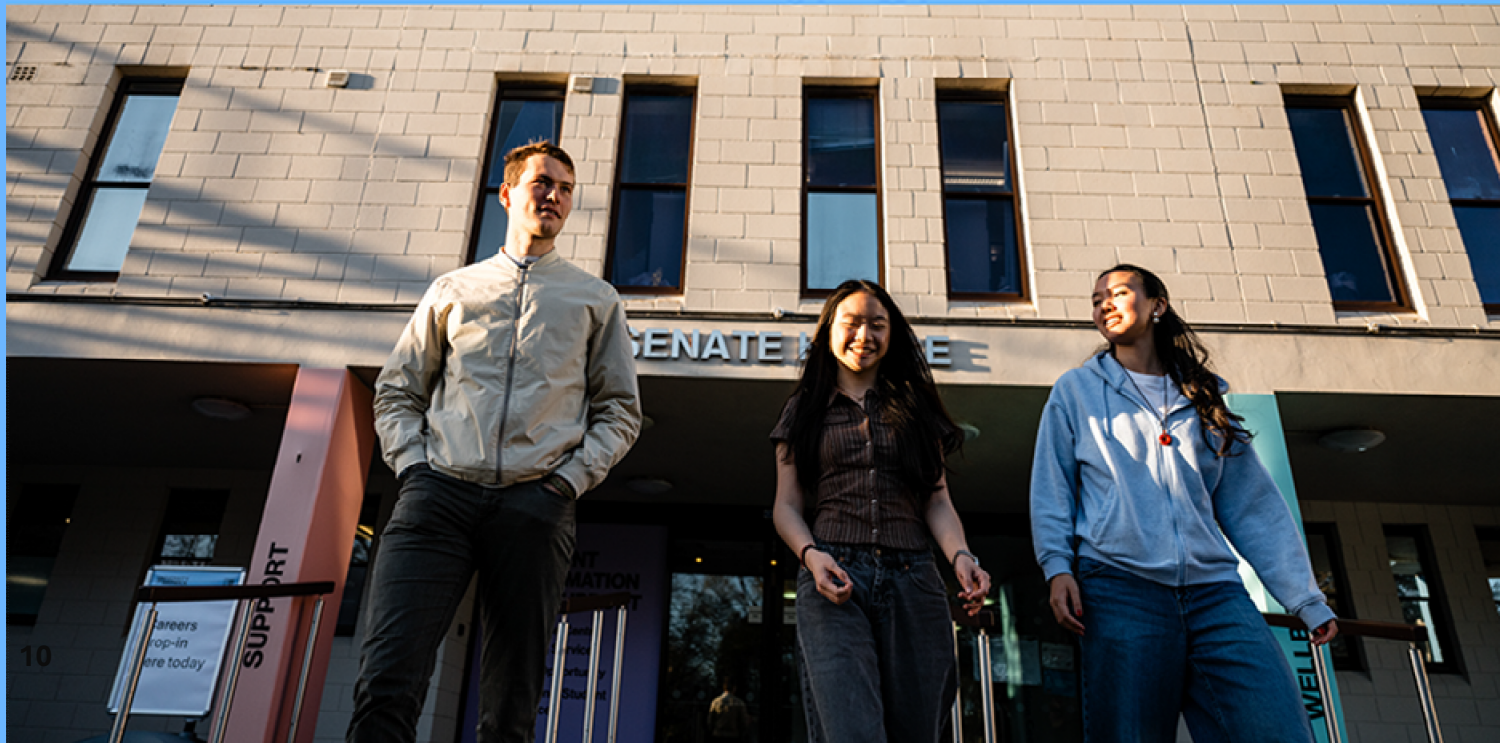
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Photo of the Careers Corner in the Careers,
Employability and Skills Hub in Senate House



Student Opportunity Hub Showcase



Thursday 8 October
11.30am-2pm
Student Opportunity Hub,
Senate House

Find out more
via myAdvantage



USE MYADVANTAGE



One place to:

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Events & Career Workshops

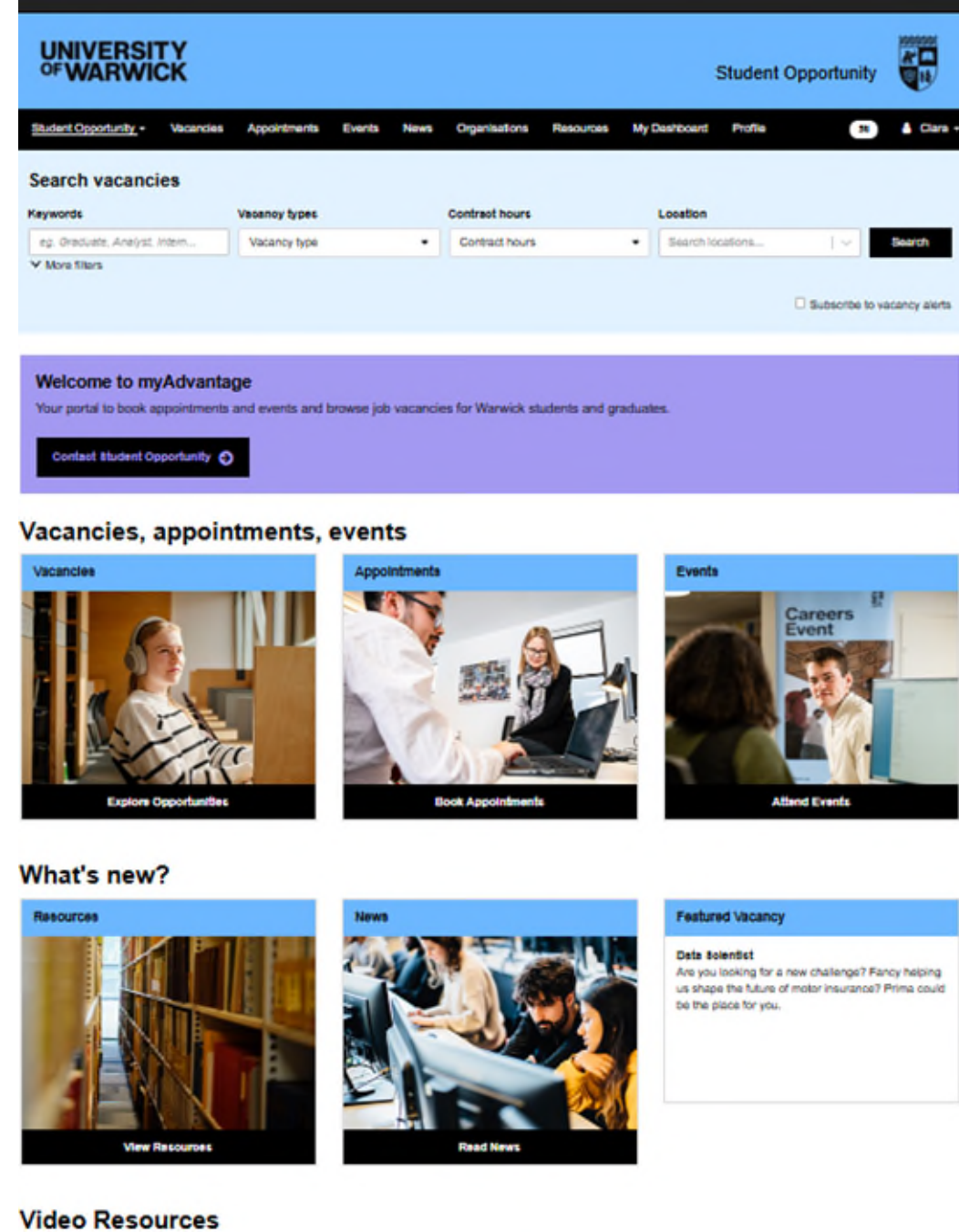
SEARCH

Graduate jobs and internships

BOOK

Careers Guidance

myAdvantage.warwick.ac.uk

A screenshot of the myAdvantage website. The top navigation bar is blue with the University of Warwick logo and 'Student Opportunity' text. Below it is a black navigation bar with links: Student Opportunity, Vacancies, Appointments, Events, News, Organisations, Resources, My Dashboard, and Profile. The main content area has a light blue background. It features a 'Search vacancies' section with input fields for Keywords, Vacancy types, Contract hours, and Location, along with a 'Search' button and a 'Subscribe to vacancy alerts' checkbox. Below this is a purple banner with the text 'Welcome to myAdvantage' and 'Your portal to book appointments and events and browse job vacancies for Warwick students and graduates.' A 'Contact Student Opportunity' button is also present. The main content area is divided into three columns: 'Vacancies, appointments, events' with three sub-sections (Vacancies, Appointments, Events) each with a video thumbnail and a call-to-action button; 'What's new?' with three sub-sections (Resources, News, Featured Vacancy) each with a video thumbnail and a call-to-action button; and 'Video Resources'.

CareerSet: 24/7 support for your applications

CareerSet



CareerSet is an online career platform that generates instant personalised feedback on your CV, cover letter and LinkedIn profile:

1. **Score My CV** – Find out how to improve your CV
2. **Target My CV** - Tailor your CV to roles
3. **Cover Letter Feedback** - Enhance and tailor your cover letter
4. **LinkedIn Optimisation** - Elevate your profile

CareerSet has been designed to support you prior to visiting the careers team for further advice.

Find out more



Are you looking to hold an online interview or practice a presentation?

- Rooms available for use in the **Careers, Skills and Employability Hub**
- Both bookable through careers@warwick.ac.uk or in person on the **Student Opportunity help desk**
- Spaces available during help desk hours

We also have a **LinkedIn profile pic photo corner**, a DIY facility located in the central space, available anytime.



Find out more about our Hub spaces



Get interview ready with Graduates First



An online resource where
you can practice video interviews
and free psychometric tests.

Login with your University of Warwick
email address



Experimenting with Work experience



Why not try:

[Forage](https://theforage.com) (theforage.com)

[Springpod](https://springpod.com) (springpod.com)

[GradSims](#) (CareerConnect/TARGETjobs login)

[Bright Network](#)

Don't forget the skills developed via part-time work.



WARWICK VOLUNTEERS

What is Warwick Volunteers?

Warwick Volunteers supports students at the University of Warwick to volunteer in the communities around campus.



Benefits for you?

Developing Soft Skills:

You can communication, leadership, project management skills and more

Boost Employability:

Your volunteering hours count towards the Warwick Award.

Meet New People:

Meet other students from different courses and get to know the local community!

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Find your
volunteering
opportunity
here →



Interested in doing a work placement?

Placement ReConnect – inspiring you to go further

Get started! Hear from returning students

Speak to students who have already done a placement and are returning to Warwick. Celebrate their successes and find out how that could be you in the future.

At the Placement ReConnect event - you'll have the chance to:

- Meet other students who want to do a placement
- Ask experienced students about their placements and hear their stories
- Get support from university services like Careers and Wellbeing

Come along and learn more about the ongoing support available through future Placement Connect events

See you there...

- Thursday 15th October 2026
- 10am – 12pm
- Student Opportunity Hub, Senate House

Sign up here!



<https://myadvantage.warwick.ac.uk/students/events/Detail/4108412>



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Departmental Work Placement Year Opportunities are Course Dependent

Economics (L100) and E-PAIS (LLD2) students

Are only able to undertake a Placement Year by taking a [Voluntary Year Out](#)

Economics and Management (LN12) students

Can take an optional Placement Year as part of their degree and will complete the [Year Away in Context Module](#).

Global Employability Event - Skills for an International Career



Saturday 17 October
9.30am - 1.30pm
The Oculus

Find out more
via myAdvantage



Short Term Mobility Opportunities and Funding

Gain real world team experience working on an organisation's project remotely



Short term experience abroad to fit around your degree



Past example: Barcelona International Summer School



Current example: Seoul National University (SNU) International Summer Programme 2027



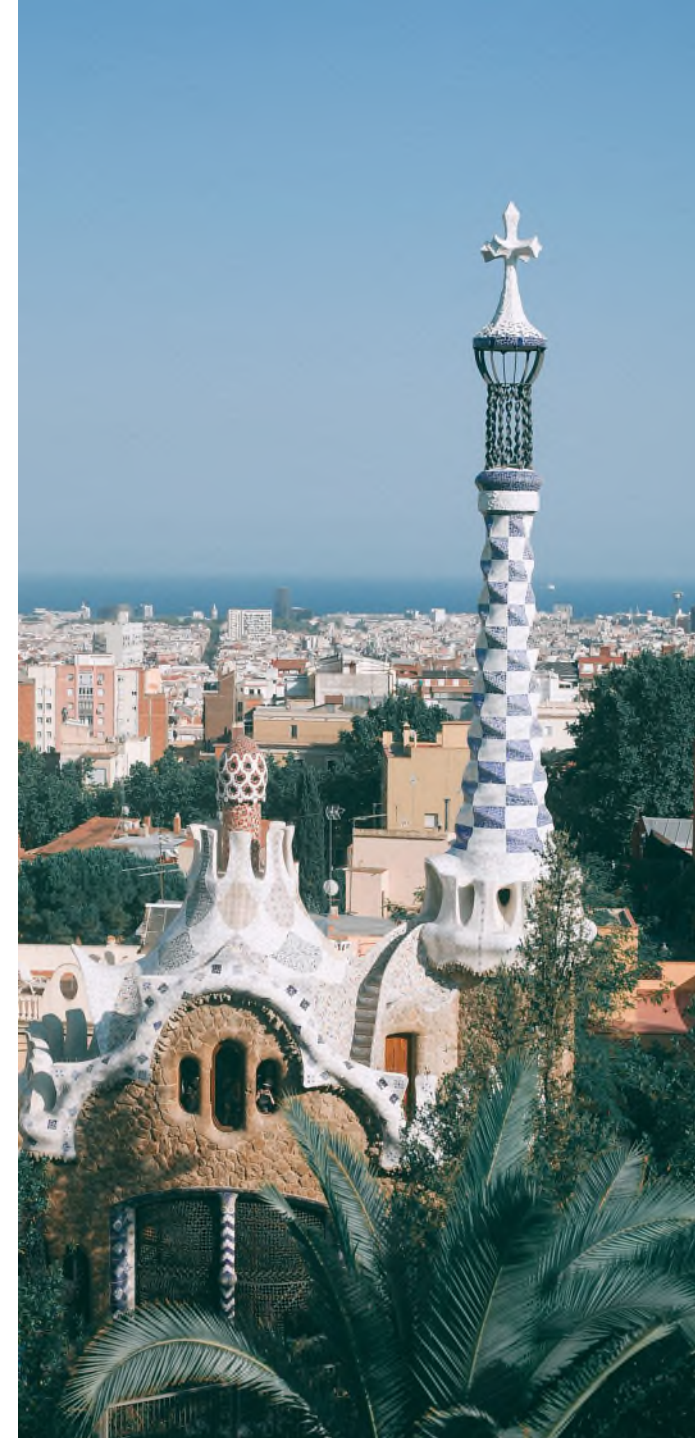
Most opportunities are available in the Summer Vacation and are advertised late Autumn Term and Spring Term



Apply for funding



Register onto the [Short-Term Mobility Mailing List](#) using the QR code



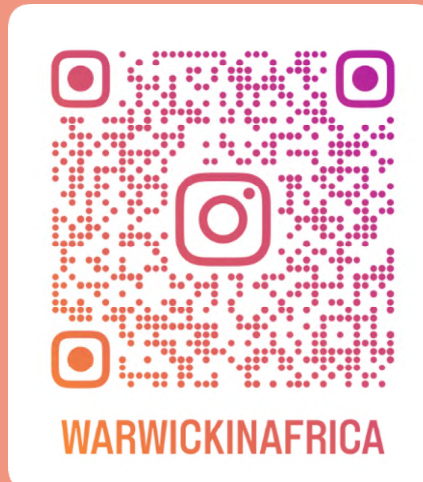
Warwick in Africa Applications are open!

Apply to take part in a 6-week school placement as a volunteer, supporting English or Maths learning and teaching in our partner schools in Ghana and South Africa.

As part of the placement, you will receive fundraising, intercultural, teamwork and teacher training.

Your flights are donated by Emirates, and we will support your application for a bursary to cover your expenses on placement.

Application deadline: 01 November



Study Abroad, Short term Mobility
and Warwick in Africa – Economics
Wed 28 Oct 2026, 11-12



TeamWork

Gain real world team experience working on an organisation's project remotely



Is a University Wide Scheme administered by Careers, Employability and Skills



Takes place online part-time (for around 10 hours per week), for 4 weeks from 22 Feb- 19 March 2027 and 28 June to 23 July 2027 (tbc)



Involves collaborating with a team of 7 students from Warwick and other partner universities around the world.



Closes on 15 Nov 2026 for Spring Programme dates.



Thrive



Bookings are now open for Thrive – our award-winning personal development programme, designed to support you in building your confidence, resilience and agency.

Thrive is delivered in person, on campus and is open to all students.

Find out more and apply:
warwick.ac.uk/thrive



Undergraduate Research Support Scheme - URSS

Offers a way of exploring whether further study/an academic career is for you.



Is a University-Wide Scheme administered by Careers, Employability and Skills.
Academic contact for Economics is: [Andrew Harkins](#)



It enables students to carry out a non-assessed research project under the supervision of a Warwick academic



Projects take place throughout Summer vacation period and students can apply for a bursary of up to £1500



Economics URSS Information Event – Wednesday 4 November 2026, 11-12, SH0.06



URSS Showcase Event - Wednesday 11 November 2026, 12-4pm Panorama Suite, Rootes Building – open to all students and staff



Opens for applications now and closes Friday 5 February 2027



Departmental Careers Events, Resources and Programmes

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WISE (Warwick Internship Scheme for Economics)

Offers a way of exploring whether further study/an academic career is for you.



Is a Departmental Scheme administered by Economics



Paid projects take place throughout the Spring and Summer term vacation period



Involves collaborating with Warwick Economics academics



Usually, two recruitment windows per year (late Autumn and Summer Terms)

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Departmental and Collaborative Careers Events

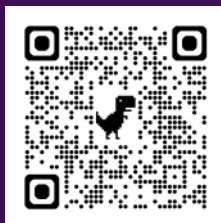
Economics, Finance and Consultancy Fair 11-3, Thu 15 October



Building a Career in Finance

Two Warwick Economics Alumni share their stories

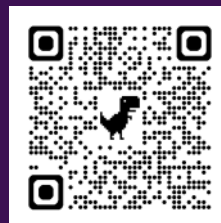
5-6pm Wed 14 Oct



AI in the Workplace: What Employers Want You to Know

Part of the Economics Finance and Consultancy Fair

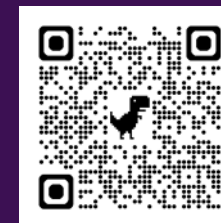
1:00-1:45 Thu 15 Oct



Spring Weeks 2027: What Makes a Successful Applicant?

Part of the Economics Finance and Consultancy Fair

2.00-2.45 Thu 15 Oct



Departmental Career Resources and Tips



Watch [Student Videos](#) for hints and tips



[Banking Specific Videos](#)



Identify options using

[Economics Careers Bulletin](#)

The [Economics Careers Website](#) has links to:

- [Economics Consultancies](#)
- [International Organisations](#)

[Trackr](#)



Do your research!

Find out more about organisations before [applications](#) by [researching employers](#) and attending relevant [careers events](#)

Track deadlines and keep copies!

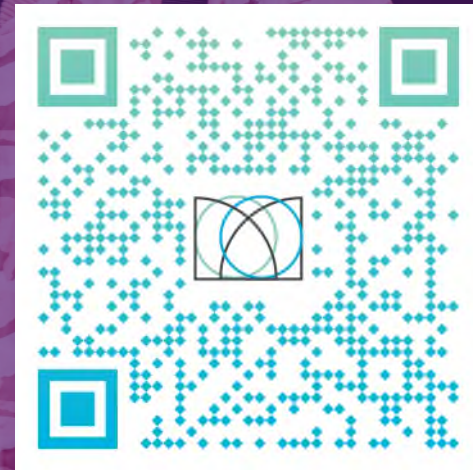


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Shape your future with the Warwick Award

- Free, optional, for all UG and PGT students, and you can join at any point in your time here
- Recognises a diversity of skills development experiences (e.g. modules, courses, jobs, societies)
- Built on Warwick's Core Skills Framework of 12 Core Skills
- Measured through self-reflection on your experiences and the skills you have practised
- Official recognition of your skills development on your Higher Education Achievement Report



Find out more at warwick.ac.uk/warwickaward

Find the activation link in your student email account, access your Gradintelligence account at gradintel.com, or scan the QR code above to sign up/sign in.

Have a question about the Warwick Award?
Get in touch with the team: **skills@warwick.ac.uk**

If you are having any problems accessing your account, please **use the** [account recovery option](#).

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- For the whole time you are registered on your course
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- Recognised on your Higher Education Achievement Report
- Four years old! It was launched in October 2022



Gold Award
60 Core Skills Points
c. 300 hours



Silver Award
30 Core Skills Points
c. 150 hours



The 12 Core Skills



Critical Thinking



Problem Solving



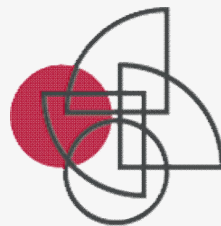
Teamwork



Digital Literacy



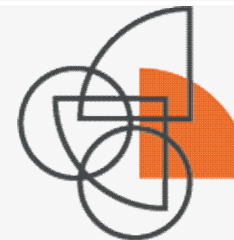
Information Literacy



Professionalism



Intercultural Awareness



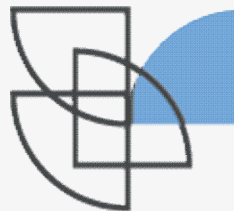
Ethical Values



Self Awareness



Organisational Awareness



Communication



Sustainability



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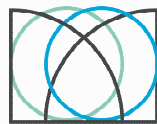
The 12 Core Skills

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Core Skills Framework PDF:

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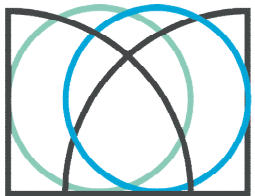


When you signed up to the Warwick Award, you were automatically enrolled on this introductory pathway to help you get started with your Award and direct you to some of the introductory activities that will get your first few points on the board.



Introduction to the Warwick Award Pathway

Find out more on your Warwick Award profile:
Go to 'My Pathways', below your progress bar.



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The pathway contains:

- The 12 Warwick Core Skills: Your Experience survey
- JISC Digital Capability Discovery Tool
- Introduction to the 12 Core Skills Moodle course
- A selection of Moodle courses on specific Core Skills
- Choosing and Planning Activities Reflection

Completing the pathway is worth at least 5 CSP.

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Personal and Professional Development Pathway for Economics Undergraduates

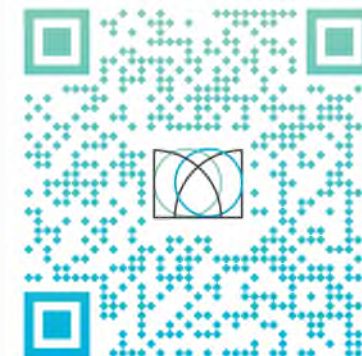
This pathway is designed to guide you through your first year at Warwick and your first 20 CSP of your Warwick Award.

It includes some of your academic modules, your Personal and Professional Development (PPD) programme, and other relevant introductory skills development opportunities.

The pathway contains:

- Personal Development Programme for Economics (4 CSP)
- The World Economy: History & Theory (6 CSP)
- Other selected UG year 1 Economics modules (4-6 CSP)
- A selection of Moodle courses on specific Core Skills (1-4 CSP)
- A range of other complementary activities (variable CSP)
- Reflecting on your first year of Economics at Warwick (1 CSP)

By completing the pathway, you will have at least 20 CSP



This pathway will be live next week. You will be able to find it in 'My Pathways' on your Warwick Award profile



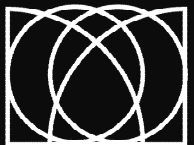
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Core Skills Moodle Courses

We offer a range of online short courses on aspects of our Core Skills Framework. Including:

Critical Thinking
Self Awareness
Communication
Working in Intercultural Teams
Professionalism
Skills For Sustainability
Ethical Values
Digital Literacy
Autonomous Learning

[Find out more here](#)



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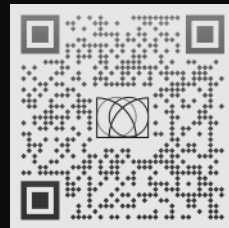
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**Your Warwick Award
profile on Gradintelligence:**



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Any questions?