The UK Government has introduced a **Graduate Route** post-study work visa from 1 July 2021. This is
an **un-sponsored** route;
It will allow the majority of international students successfully completing their course at the University of Warwick to apply to **remain in the UK for a further period of 2-3 years** (depending on their level of study) to work or look for work at any skill level;
This represents a **significant increase in flexibility for employers** when considering applications from international students who currently hold a Student Visa (previously known as Tier 4 visa).

**Who will this apply to?**
- Students of **any nationality** with a valid Student Visa, who successfully complete their course (at undergraduate level and above) in the summer of 2021 or later, at a UK Higher Education Institution with a “track record of compliance” (such as University of Warwick).
- The student will need to have spent a minimum amount of time studying physically in the UK, however concessions exist around Coronavirus, and we would anticipate the vast majority of our students will meet this requirement.

**When & Where will students apply and how long may this visa be granted for?**
- Students will apply after *successfully completing their course*, but before their *existing student visa expires*, and the length of this visa that may be granted to them depends on the level of their study. Students must apply for this visa in the UK. Whilst holding this visa, should a graduate go on to secure a qualifying position, they are able to switch to a Skilled Worker visa from within the UK.

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**What form of work is allowed?**
- Unlike other visa routes, there will be **no minimum salary requirement or minimum number of hours**. Graduates holding this visa can work **full time, part time**, or on a **casual or fixed term** contract.

**Where can I find further information?**
- UK GOV webpage:
  https://www.gov.uk/graduate-visa
- Further information can be found on the University’s website:
  https://warwick.ac.uk/study/international/immigration/othervisas/graduate_route_work_visa

The above information is provided in good faith and consistent with UK Government stated policy intentions at time of publication

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