Widening Participation Student Network
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Aims of your network

• To give you an opportunity to meet, share best practice and exchange ideas
• Create a network that’s reflective of the needs and interests of its membership
• Key updates around University strategy and how that impacts you
• Why we exist?
Update...!

- Summer internship scheme
- Student Advisory Group
- Icebreaker...
Dunking Bourbon biscuits?

Would you rather be covered in fur or covered in scales?

Is darts a sport?

Would you rather lose the ability to lie or believe everything you’re told?

Coventry or Leamington?

Would you rather win £50,000 or let your best friend win £500,000?
1 WEEK TO FULL YEAR
STUDY & WORK ABROAD
OPPORTUNITIES

STUDENT MOBILITY

WARWICK.AC.UK/STUDENTMOBILITY
Why gain international experience

• 2m university graduates each year
• 20,000 graduate jobs with the country’s top employers
• 1 in 100 chance of getting the job

Make yourself stand out!
Why study abroad?

According to research by Universities UK, students who take part in study, work or volunteering abroad are:

- **9%** more likely to gain a 2:1
- **24%** less likely to be unemployed
- **5%** higher earnings after six months of graduation
- **9%** more likely to be in a graduate job six months after graduation
Why study abroad - Culture

“I've met different students from different countries and cultures in Waseda University, Japan and made life-long friends with them.”

Warwick Business School student (Japan)
“The highlight of my study was the opportunities that came to me in such a vibrant city. I expanded my interest way beyond my field of politics into tech, business and further afield - I made many connections and learnt a lot.”

Politics student (Hong Kong)
“Meeting people from all over the world. If you're lucky like me, you'll be placed in an area where there are language assistants as well as university students, and you'll get to make friends from all different countries and different backgrounds. As well as this, you may be lucky enough to travel with some of the friends you make, which is an incredible experience.”

French Studies Student – British Council Language Assistantship
Why study abroad - Friendships
“Having the opportunity to travel all around Canada as well as neighbouring countries like the USA and Mexico was absolutely amazing.”

School of Life Sciences, Canada
Full Year Mobility

- Add year on to your degree
- Autumn Term of 1\textsuperscript{st} or 2\textsuperscript{nd} year:
  - Briefing sessions (central and departmental)
  - Apply!
- Usually, go abroad for year, then return for final year
- Can split year abroad across 2 locations
- Potential destinations linked to department
Short term mobility

• **Study**
  • Summer schools
  • Summer research project

• **Work**
  • Internships

• **Volunteer**

**Available from Spring Term**
Short term mobility

• COMING SOON....

Exclusive for Warwick Scholars:

Monash Malaysia
Short term mobility

• COMING SOON....(February)

Innovative Summer Programme

Shanghai, China

(4 weeks – 2 online; 2 in Shanghai)

• Collaborate with Chinese students to address real world challenges and core societal problems, organised around thematic platforms in line with the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

• Innovative, research challenge-led summer programme, designed and delivered by Warwick and Shanghai Jiao Tong University academics.

• Full or partial travel bursaries (depending on individual financial circumstances) provided for all participants
Short Term Mobility Bursary

Apply for up to £500 towards a short international study, work or volunteering experience.

Applications will open 22 January - 9 February

For more info go to: warwick.ac.uk/shortmobility
Short term mobility

Where to find international internships?

MyAdvantage

Where to find other international opportunities:

warwick.ac.uk/shortmobility

warwick.ac.uk/studentmobility - Opportunities
Short term mobility

Want to hear about Short International Study, Work or Volunteering opportunities?

Join the Mailing List: warwick.ac.uk/mobilitymail
Careers Support

Samantha Merrix
Careers Widening Participation Project Officer
Student Opportunity: Careers
Engaging with Careers Support

• Explore, reflect on and discuss YOUR options

• Guidance on the labour market in relation to your career interest and circumstances

• Widen out or narrow down possible options and support with ideas that are less mainstream

• Ensure you have the transitional skills you need – don’t just rely on friends, family or advice online

• Approaches to secure work experience/placements
Benefits of work experience

• Testing your career options – Try before you buy

• Discovering what is for you

• Building your CV – even if the role you do isn’t related to your graduate destination

• Building your own professional network and gaining advice

• Never too late or too early
Careers Support

• Job search advice – CVs, applications, job searching, interviews
  • Job Search Drop-in - Student Opportunity Hub 08.30 – 2.00 Mon to Fri

• Careers guidance – support with career planning and exploring your options

• Workshops – skills (e.g. LinkedIn, networking), sector specific

• Book through MyAdvantage - https://myadvantage.warwick.ac.uk/

• WBS Students – WBS CareersPlus
Strengthening your Career Potential Programme

• Only open to WP students

• Complete a strengths profile

• Create a career plan, setting goals and actions

• Regular support from your Careers Consultant

• Opportunity to work with a mentor

• More information: [https://warwick.ac.uk/services/careers/help/strengthening-your-career-potential](https://warwick.ac.uk/services/careers/help/strengthening-your-career-potential)

• Questions – Samantha.Merrix@Warwick.ac.uk

• Applications close on 26th January 2020
Work Experience and Internships Support

• Warwick Advance – WP students only
  • Help to apply for a paid spring or summer internship with a graduate employer, in the UK or overseas

• Warwick Summer Internships
  • Paid, 6 weeks, with small and medium-sized firms, charities and University departments

• Warwick Volunteers
  • wide variety of opportunities and the chance to set up your own projects

• https://warwick.ac.uk/services/careers/workexperience/
Frequent Questions

• What can I do with my degree?
  • What would you like to do?
    https://luminate.prospects.ac.uk/what-do-graduates-do

• But I don’t have experience in that sector/role yet
  • Transferable skills, internships

• Graduate scheme, masters, job, SME...
  • Do what is right for you and your career goal

• When should I look for a job/masters/internship?
  • Recruitment timelines vary – some up to a year in advance

• Don’t compare your progress with others
Your Network needs you!

Time to get your thinking caps on and put your best creative foot forward! Some questions to get you started...

**Online content**
- Why should people join?
- What do I get from being part of the Network?
- What can I expect from coming to the Network? Is it scary?!

**Mentoring**
- What could this look like?
- How could it be organized?
- How could we get people involved?
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The Network moving forward

• What topics/focus should future events take?
• How would we advertise it?
• Would you like to get more involved?
• What would that look like?

The Network Social...!

• Society?
• Types of events/activities
• How can you make them appeal to a mix of people?
• How would you fund this?
Feedback

- Top three actions
- Any challenges?
- What would be the impact of your ideas?
- Next steps...
Next Steps

- What are you going to action?
- Do you need support?
- Whose going to lead on which element
- Best ways to stay in touch
- Meet again next Wednesday – 29/01/2020, 16:00 – 17:00 in OC1.04
Next Network
5th March
2020