

University Explorers Ambassador – Job Description

Rate of pay:	£13.45 per hour + £1.62 holiday pay (pre-AWR) £13.45 per hour + £2.30 holiday pay (post-AWR)
Position available:	December 2026 to March 2027 Four events during February and March 2027, plus training
Mandatory training:	Wednesday 20 January 2026 (3.30pm-5.00pm) Online safeguarding module (1 hour) Additional training Wednesday 20 January and Wednesday 3 February
Events:	Thursday 25 February Friday 5 March Thursday 11 March Friday 19 March

Working hours for each event will be 9.00am-3.00pm.

Location: On campus at the University of Warwick

Do you want to inspire and empower care-experienced children? Are you committed to Widening Participation and supporting children from diverse backgrounds?

Join the **University Explorers** team and help **Year 6 Children in Care** experience university life in a fun, supportive and inspiring environment.

About the role

University Explorers is a project for Year 6 Children in Care – young people who are ‘looked after’ by the local authority, such as those in foster care. The programme gives them a taste of higher education through interactive activities, group projects, and campus tours.

As a University Explorers Ambassador, you’ll work with a small group of children across four campus visits, supporting them through a range of academic and non-academic sessions. You’ll help them build confidence, challenge themselves, and discover what university is all about.

Key responsibilities

- Welcome and assist with registration of participants at each event
- Encourage and support children during activities and group projects
- Lead short activities, such as icebreakers, campus tours, and Q&A sessions about university life
- Work closely with Widening Participation (WP) and virtual school staff to create a positive, inclusive experience
- Introduce key vocabulary and give insights into university life
- Provide feedback to WP staff and report any concerns in line with safeguarding training
- Assist with setting up, handing out resources, and tidying away at the end of sessions
- Offer general support to ensure events run smoothly

You'll receive full training on:

- Safeguarding
 - Working with Looked After Children
 - The University Explorers programme
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What we're looking for

Essential:

- Excellent communication skills
- Ability to run activities with primary-aged children
- Sensitivity to individual needs and backgrounds
- Initiative and teamwork skills
- Current University of Warwick student
- Reliable, mature, and approachable
- Willingness to attend in-person training and complete specified online courses (e.g. safeguarding)
- Understanding of safe content and behaviour when working with young people

Desirable:

- Experience working with Looked-After Children
 - Awareness of barriers to higher education
 - Experience supporting young people from under-represented groups
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What you'll gain

- **Paid experience** that fits around your studies
 - **Valuable skills** in communication, empathy, resilience, and teamwork
 - Contribution to the **Warwick Award**
 - A **rewarding and enjoyable** role that makes a real difference
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Important information about the application process

- Payment will be made via Unitemps. If you're offered the role, Unitemps will contact you by email to begin the registration process and verify your Right to Work status.

Please check your inbox regularly and respond promptly, as you won't be able to start work until this is complete.

- As this role involves working with children under the age of 18, you may be required to complete an Enhanced DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) check, unless you've already done so through the University.

The cost of the DBS check will be covered by us.

You'll also need to provide two references to Unitemps as part of the onboarding process.

Ready to inspire young minds and grow your own skills?

Application deadline: 5.00pm on Friday 16 October 2026

To apply, please complete the online application form on our webpage: [Work with us](#)

Shortlisted candidates will be invited to attend a selection event on **Wednesday 4 November**.

Training for our WP roles will take place on **Wednesday 18 November**.