

Work Placements in Practice

What's happening at Bristol?

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Industrial placements – 07/08

- Biochemistry – 6 students
- Chemistry – 36 students, 3 Chemical Physics
- Physics – 10 students
- Anatomy & Neuroscience – 2 students
- Pharmacology & Physiology – 13 students
- Cellular & Molecular Medicine – 5 students
- Engineering Design – 22

Erasmus Work Placements

- In 2006/07:
 - 96 students on work placements
 - 12 graduates
 - Student numbers doubled from previous year
- This year:
 - 125 students due out on 3mth – 12mth placements

VIP week – Vacation | Internships | Placements

- A week dedicated to work experience
 - IAESTE (Engineering related)
 - Shell STEP (Technology related)
 - Internships with law firms
 - Working in the media
 - Teaching English in Japan
 - Vacation work with local employers
 - Panel of graduate recruiters – talking about internships

UoB Internships

- In 2006/07 **23** internships were advertised:
 - Publications Intern, Alumni & Relations Office
 - Web Developers, Arts Faculty
 - Energy Intern, Accommodation Office
 - Market research Intern, Deputy Registrar
 - Photographic Archive Administrator, PR Office
- Target: **50** for 2007/08

Careers programme and work experience

- Work experience drop in
- The Work Experience Award
- Workshops:
 - How to get an internship
 - Work experience for international students
 - Turning summer work into a graduate job
 - Getting last minute work experience

The web – work experience explained

- Vacation and Placements advertised
- Downloadable work experience guide
- Work experience pages:
 - Why do it?
 - Finding the right experience for you
 - Making the most of work experience
 - UoB Internship scheme
 - Case studies – coming soon!

Unadvertised Work Experience

- Many students apply to unadvertised placements successfully
- Companies may not advertise
- Effective route in all areas – essential in some e.g. Media
- Network scheme can give students useful info
- Particularly useful for SME's
- Companies seem willing to set up ad-hoc schemes for the right person.
- May be paid or unpaid.
- It can be the route into a permanent job after graduation