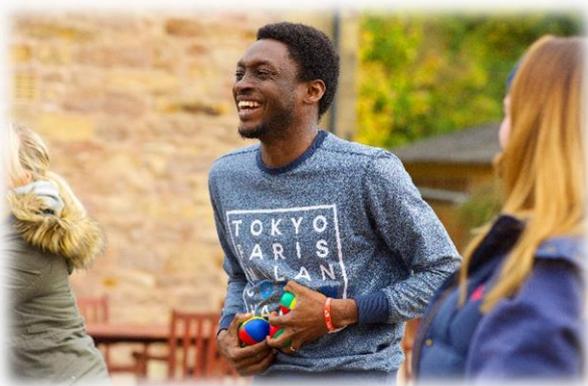




Careers Support for International Students – Getting Started



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PROFESSIONAL, PERSONALISED CAREER SUPPORT & GUIDANCE



Whatever Career Path you choose we'll point you in the right direction...

As an international student, you will have specific career questions and concerns, and we can provide a range of information and advice whether you want to work in the UK, return home or work abroad, or pursue postgraduate studies. ***Please note – all links and information on this booklet is accurate at time of production, however it may be subject to change. We do advise you check relevant links for latest updates and information.***

➤ Improve your job prospects

A good starting point is the [TARGETJobs guide for international students](#). **U-CLAN** is our formula to help you focus on specific areas that will improve your career prospects.

UK Experience – beyond your degree, there are many benefits to studying in the UK.

Through getting involved in the wider student life, you can develop new skills and experiences. The [Student Union](#) offers a range of opportunities and activities, such as joining student societies, clubs and volunteering.



Commercial Awareness – before applying for jobs, you need to gain an understanding of what employers expect, different organisations, sectors and the wider job market. We can show you different resources and information to help you in your research. Visit [TARGETJobs to learn more about commercial awareness](#).

Language Skills – you can develop your English language skills through the Free English classes on offer here; visit 'Nicola Tesol UCLan' on Facebook page or email Nicola Halenko on NHalenko@uclan.ac.uk. If you are keen to learn another foreign language, visit the [WorldWide Learning Centre](#).

Applications – creating an effective CV and applications to showcase your skills and experiences to employers is vital. We can advise on adapting your CV to the UK job market. You may need to consider how to explain and compare your international qualifications with the UK equivalent. For initial information visit [UK NARIC](#), and for further and in depth advice on converting your qualifications, email international@uclan.ac.uk. Check out our CV and applications booklets on [CareerEdge](#).

How to explain visa situation on applications – come and speak to us in Careers where we can discuss examples and resources you can use.

Networking – during your time here, you will develop many useful contacts and networks to support you in your career. Professional networking is vital, particularly using sites such as LinkedIn. Check out our networking and social media booklets on [CareerEdge](#). You can also join and connect with [UCLan Alumni](#).

➤ **Support for UK Educated Chinese students**

www.prepare2getahead.co.uk

This e-learning resource introduces career planning and provides a step-by-step approach to enable you to develop and create your own career plan. The resource aims to help you make the most of your time at university and to explore options that interest you, as well as gain relevant skills and experiences.

www.innovate2getahead.co.uk

This e-learning resource introduces innovation skills and developing an innovative mind-set. It is aimed at all students, as the activities and case studies can be applied if you are looking to go on and work for organisations, or start and develop your own business.

➤ **Work whilst I am studying**



Before you apply for jobs in the UK, you should ensure you are familiar with visa regulations. **Please note, Careers cannot offer specialist visa advice and support, you need to contact the relevant organisations as outlined below.**

You might be able to work on a student visa, subject to a number of restrictions. Please refer to the [UK Council for International Student Affairs \(UKCISA\) working during your studies guidance](#) for further information on permission to work, what kind of work you can do, and how many hours you can work.

If you are looking for paid work in the UK, you will need to apply for a [National Insurance number \(NINO\)](#).

The [Student Immigration and Compliance Team](#) here at UCLan can provide advice and guidance on Tier 4 immigration issues.

You can search for part-time jobs, work experience and internships and look at our job search/work experience booklets through [CareerEdge](#).

The [Student Union Opportunities Centre](#) also advertises volunteering and casual work.

➤ Work in the UK after graduation

Working in the UK

If you're looking to work in the UK beyond your current student visa, you will need to research the various visa options on offer. It is important to apply for roles as early as possible, keeping visa expiry dates in mind. **Please do check the main sites for regular updates.**

A good starting point is [UKCISA working after your studies guidance](#), which explains the different categories.

- **Tier 2 Employer sponsored visa** – main route for working in the UK. Requires a job offer from an employer who has a licence to sponsor and also has stated minimum salary criteria, in accordance with regulations. Other criteria apply.

- **Tier 5 Temporary Worker visa** – there are a number of categories within Tier 5. The **Government Authorised Exchange (GAE)** visa enables you to gain work experience in the UK before you return home. A government-endorsed organisation is your sponsor, and would support you and your employer. There are a number of GAE schemes, and placements are subject to various criteria. Examples are:
 - [AIESEC Access Tier 5](#) (see CareerEdge resources for copy of slides).
 - [BUNAC Intern in Britain](#)
 - [GTI Tier 5 Intern Scheme](#)

- **Tier 1 Graduate Entrepreneur visa** – aimed at recent graduates and postdoctoral researchers with genuine business ideas and entrepreneurial skills (**note: UCLan no longer offer the Tier 1 visa, but other universities do**).

In some cases, employers may not be aware of the different visa categories, and there is useful guidance to help [recruiters looking to employ international graduates](#).

You can search for graduate jobs and look at our graduate job hunting and websites booklets through [CareerEdge](#).

[Poststudy.org](#) is a new website to help international students find jobs in the UK.

➤ Return to my home country or work internationally

Whether you're looking to return to your home country, or work in another country, it is important to plan ahead. You will need to find out about the job market for graduates in your chosen country, as this may be vastly different to the UK job market. You will need to find out the general timescale for job applications, vacancy sources, methods and CV/job application/interview format.

[TARGETJobs tips for international students seeking work outside the UK](#) includes a useful checklist to consider before returning home.

Here are some general and country specific resources; but if you would like to discuss working in a specific location not mentioned here, do come and see us in Careers.

[Gradlink](#) connects international students in the UK with employers back in their home countries and across the globe. It has specialist pages for Bangladesh, India, China, ASEAN countries, Canada, and across Africa.

[Global Career Company](#) recruitment company which brings together high calibre talent with leading employers. Specialist pages for Careers in Africa, Asia and Maghreb, including details of any upcoming events.

[GradSingapore](#) and [GradMalaysia](#) graduate jobs, internships and graduate programmes in Singapore and Malaysia.

[Careers UAE](#) enables talented UAE nationals to meet with recruiters and hiring managers from wide range of country leading corporates across more than 20 industries.

[Elite Saudi professionals](#) supports multinationals and leading Saudi companies to recruit highly educated Saudi nationals.

➤ Apply for postgraduate study

You may be considering further study after university; as is the case with job opportunities, you should make sure you do your research into suitable courses and universities and consider how a postgraduate course will assist you in your future career.

- [Studying at UCLan](#)
- [Studying in the UK](#)
- [Studying Abroad – Prospects](#) and [Studying Abroad – TARGETPostGrad](#)
- [PostgradAsia](#)



- **Further information:** For more information and useful links visit our online resources at: <http://bit.ly/careerslinks>

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At UCLan Careers we offer a one stop service to help you progress to a successful future. Whatever stage of study you are at, or whatever your future aspirations are, we can help. We are a friendly, professional and experienced team with expertise in a wide range of areas. Please take advantage of all the services we offer – UCLan Careers will be with you at every step of the journey.

Visit us in Foster Building. We are also available online for you to:

- Search for vacancies
- Book 1-2-1 career appointments
- Book onto career events
- Ask Careers a question (including online CV check)
- Check out our careers resources

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