

Industrial Year

Next steps

*(Some of the content of these slides is
my personal advice)*

Progress

- Please fill in the form.
 - so that the IY team can help manage the process
 - we want to help!
- It is not too late! Lots of jobs still out there.
 - We have had jobs advertised this year with low numbers of applicants!
- Please reply to our emails over the summer!
 - give an alternative email if you prefer

CV Checking

- **If you have made applications but are not getting interviews:**
- Morwenna from Careers will be in Comp. Sci. reception checking CV's:
 - Weds (TODAY) 3-4
 - Thurs 2-3
 - Fri 2-3
- There is a sign up sheet at reception.
- If you need a longer discussion or prefer a more private meeting then head up to the careers office.

Interviews

- **If you have had interviews and not been offered a job**
 - this may just be bad luck
 - with lots of candidates, it may take quite a few goes
 - to match job \leftrightarrow candidate
 - OR perhaps you don't come across as well as you might.
 - Confidence?
 - Be prepared – research the company
 - Look at it from the employers standpoint
 - How would YOU find a good employee?
 - What would YOU want them to be like?

Jobs

- The big international companies are done recruiting for this year...
 - but they wanted the real high flyers anyway
- Now there are medium less well known companies offering opportunities
 - and these in some ways can be just as good
 - possibly 'nicer' to apply for with a less onerous recruitment process.
 - e.g. 'Just' an interview without all the assessment centers and other testing etc.
 - but then the interview is vitally important
 - remember it is an inter – view!
 - what can you do for the company and what will they do for you!

Keep checking YF

- In the past couple of weeks
 - I'm expecting IT/Web (Rhys Tregaron)
 - WH Smith (James Foxx)
 - IS
 - Amadeus (Germany)
 - Minerva (Bulgaria)
- We keep adding any opportunities throughout the summer
- Things speed up from now
 - i.e. jobs often have a shorter deadline.
 - week(s) rather than months
 - So you need to be monitoring and in a position to respond fast

Look elsewhere

- Online e.g. <https://www.prospects.ac.uk/>,
 - note you need the 'work experience' category
 - Lots of terms used for what you want
 - IY, Sandwich year, work experience, Intern (paid)...
 - follow the trails, who are a companies customers/suppliers? and theirs?
 - If they advertise graduate positions then worth asking
 - Don't be afraid of the phone...
- Do you know of any companies at home?
 - Do parents know any companies of have work contacts that might consider?
 - I have just updated the web so you can point potential employers at the info they need:
 - https://www.aber.ac.uk/~dcswww/Dept/Teaching/Industrial_Placement

Online

- **Some possibilities** (Just a few of what I found this morning)
 - <http://www.indeed.co.uk>
 - <https://targetjobs.co.uk>
 - <http://www.ncub.co.uk/students/placement-search.html>
 - <http://www.gradcracker.com/computing-technology-work-placements-internships/>
 - <http://jobs.trovit.co.uk/>
 - <http://www.studentladder.co.uk/Engineering/Science/technology-industrial-placements.html>



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APPLY, PONY EXPRESS STABLES

St. Joseph, Missouri

How 'picky' should I be?

- I would argue that any experience in the industry is extremely valuable
 - and far better than not having the experience.
 - even if it does not obviously match your degree scheme or your 'dream job'
 - you'd be surprised how elements of the things from one area crop up elsewhere.
 - many of the things you learn are general skills regardless of the technical specifics.
 - that is why you are far more employable with the experience
- Go on – get a foot in the door

...But I'm so busy

- What about changing scheme to avoid having to look for a job?
 - so this time next year you will be looking for a graduate job and you will have no experience...
 - if you put in some effort now you *will* be able to find an IY.
 - IF you come across as keen and willing...

Deadlines

- *We need to you to stay in contact* over the summer
- Deadline **end August** for telling us what you will be doing
 - Online registration must be done by 22nd Sept.
 - hopefully this will be a job
 - if not you **MUST change scheme** to return to the 3rd year
 - accommodation?
- You cannot take an assessed IY if you do not have enough credits to proceed...
 - Once the results come out you need to talk to us if you find yourself in this position
 - In most cases I would recommend continuing as a sandwich year if you have a job.