

Graduate Success



Graduate success at Newcastle University

As a world-class university, Newcastle produces outstanding graduates year after year. We put a huge emphasis on developing employability skills and along with the quality of our degrees and our reputation with employers, it means our graduates are equipped to succeed.

We consistently have one of the best records for graduate employment in the UK. Within the first six months of graduating, 95.2 per cent of our 2012 UK and EU graduates entered employment or further study; more than three quarters (76.4 per cent) of those entering employment achieved a graduate-level position*.



*Sourced from Destination of Leavers from Higher Education (DLHE) survey 2012–13

4th in the world
for our **Careers Service**
out of 170 institutions

(International Student Barometer 2013)

Top 5 in the UK
for graduate employability
among comparator
universities

(HESA 2011–12)



We are one of the
top 20 'most targeted'
universities by the UK's
leading employers

(The Graduate Market Report 2013-14)

Top 15 in the
major league tables*
for graduate
career prospects

Multi-award-winning
**Careers
Service**

We have strong links with
over 80
of the **Top 100**
Graduate Employers

(The Times 2012-13)

*The Times/Sunday Times Good University Guide,
The Guardian University Guide, The Complete University Guide.

Preparing you for the workplace

Employers play a very active role in our programmes ensuring that our graduates are equipped with the most relevant and up-to-date skills and information needed in the world of work. We hold lectures and practical sessions delivered by employers and many of our academic schools have graduate employers on their advisory boards.

Many of our degrees include industry-based work placements (UK and abroad), study trips to local businesses, case-study analyses and project-based assignments.

The Career Development module is included in most of our courses, allowing you to undertake work experience, volunteering, or paid work to bolster your employability skills and gain academic credit as part of your degree.

Profile

Names: Will Marshall and Will Strong

Course title: Fine Art BA Honours

Year graduated from Newcastle: 2009

Current employer: PopUp Initiative (The NewBridge Project)

Job title: Co-directors

'Newcastle University is internationally recognised for its commitment to Fine Art and provided us with many opportunities. We were able to study in Munich and Istanbul as part of the Erasmus exchange programme. There was also LifeWorkArt, a career development module, which was an excellent opportunity to engage with the regional visual art scene; it encouraged us to think beyond education and inspired us to set up The NewBridge Project.'

Housing over 65 studios, a project space and a public gallery, The NewBridge Project supports artists with the space and networks to develop their professional practice while encouraging an outward-looking awareness for national and international opportunities.

We advocate co-operation and collaboration between artists to develop a dynamic, ongoing programme of exhibitions, projects and events. Our work has received wide acclaim and is constantly presenting new opportunities and challenges.'





Did you know...?

Selected programmes are accredited by professional organisations, providing industry-wide recognition and putting our graduates on the fast route to professional status.



“My course allowed me to take the University’s Career Development module. The assessment for the module was an interview session, which gave me an excellent insight and has been great preparation for job interviews.”

Kay Mann, Mathematics and Statistics



“The degree programme offers constant and valuable information for future employment with specific employers and also how to attract prospective employers.”

William Dempster, Mechanical Engineering

Adding to your degree

A degree alone is no longer enough to guarantee graduate success. Our award-winning ncl+ initiative provides you with opportunities to enrich your CV by bringing together a range of social, cultural, sporting and community activities. You will develop a new set of skills and knowledge outside your course as well as meeting new people, growing in confidence and having fun along the way. It may be possible to obtain funding through ncl+ for an activity that will boost your personal or professional development.

You can also add to your degree with our study abroad opportunities, which the majority of our programmes offer. The skills you gain through these experiences, such as language skills and cultural awareness, are increasingly valued by employers.

“In my spare time I write for The Courier, the student newspaper. I recommend that you do it, as it’s fun and looks great on your CV... I love all the opportunities that are available to help you gain work/life experience and grow and develop as a person.”

Rosie Jenkinson, Linguistics BA Honours



Opportunities

Student Champions

Represent your University or your fellow students

Clubs, Societies, Events

Join in, have fun and learn something new

Earn and Learn

Earn some cash whilst developing your skills

World and Media

Tell people about it through the student-led newspaper, radio and TV

Volunteering

Get involved and make a difference

Find out more... visit: www.ncl.ac.uk/nclplus

Profile

Name: James O'Donovan

Course title: Medicine and Surgery MB BS Honours

James is a shining example of how to make the most of extracurricular opportunities while studying at Newcastle. In 2013, James received the Vice-Chancellor's award for outstanding personal achievement for setting up several businesses throughout his studies.

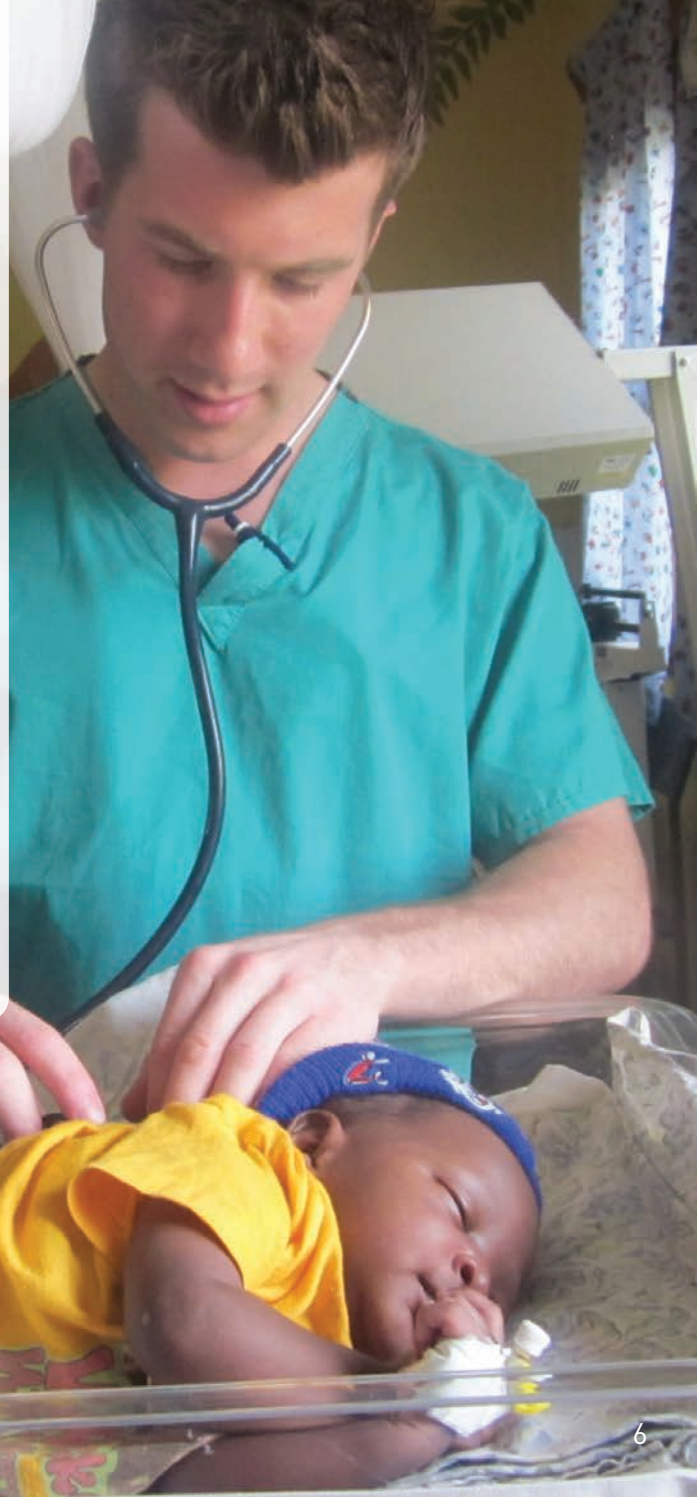
James started four successful businesses and his enterprising portfolio now includes: Higher Standards, a non-profit fairtrade organisation; USS Medical Ltd, a widening access to medicine scheme; Diapet, a blood glucose monitor for children; and The Golden Games Organisation Ltd, a sporting festival aimed to increase the mobility of older people and decrease levels of isolation. This last project gained support from the Cabinet Office, Age UK, Northumbria NHS Trust, Gateshead Council and other national organisations.

All of this was achieved while James studied medicine, competed for the University athletics team and mentored other entrepreneurial students. James' academic and business achievements have secured him a prestigious Kennedy Memorial Scholarship to study business at Harvard.

'The Rise Up service offered by the University, along with support from my tutors, visiting entrepreneurs and the Vice-Chancellor, have all been instrumental in providing me with guidance and encouragement in setting up my business ventures.'

Did you know...?

Each year the Rise Up team supports around 25 new businesses launched by our current and graduating students.



Strong employer links

Newcastle graduates have an excellent reputation amongst recruiters. Each year more than 250 international, national and local employers visit campus to deliver company presentations and to hold interviews for their graduate-level jobs. These include leading graduate employers such as Accenture, PwC, Santander, Deloitte, P&G, Teach First, KPMG, Aldi, EY, Jaguar, Land Rover, Siemens and npower, to name but a few.

Profile

Name: Nick Pleasant

Course title: Town Planning* BA Honours and Diploma (undergraduate and postgraduate)

Year graduated from Newcastle:
Undergraduate - 2009, Postgraduate - 2011

Current employer: Indigo Planning Ltd

Job title: Assistant Planner

'Through the 'Planning Society' at the University, I made connections with local employers and professionals in the area. These contacts enabled me to find out information on potential jobs, as well as attend seminars and training events and speak at two conferences, all of which helped secure a job.'

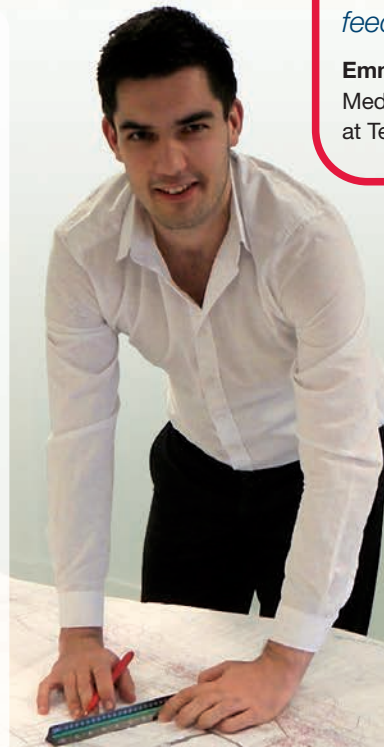
Academic and support staff on my course helped secure a 12-month postgraduate paid work placement and provided workplace support during the placement. The Careers Service arranged a number of careers events including a Careers Fair which was useful to gauge how many employers were looking to take on new graduates.'

* This degree has been renamed 'Urban Planning'



The Careers Service helped me gain perspective and decide which direction to go in when I felt lost and confused. They were honest and helpful and gave me invaluable advice. The assessment centre workshop I attended helped me to secure the job I really wanted as I was given feedback, practice and support.

Emma Cash, BSc Honours in Chemistry with Medicinal Chemistry – now Product Tester at Tesco



Our Employers

'We believe our fruitful partnership with Newcastle University and the commitment of their Careers Service has given us access to enthusiastic, logical thinking engineers of all disciplines. REACT's most important commodity is its people and the educational quality at Newcastle University is the reason we continue to recruit their graduates, helping these young people to build their careers and ultimately making REACT Engineering successful. A very rewarding alliance.'

Caroline Hamilton, REACT Engineering, Relationship Manager

'The calibre of students at Newcastle University is exceptional; this is exactly why Cummins target them for our Graduate Development Programme and placement opportunities – to become our future leaders. Their proven success means we strive to attract more year-on-year.'

Jo Chester, Cummins, University Talent Acquisition Manager



Armed Forces

While at Newcastle, you can sample life in the armed forces. This can help to develop leadership and communication skills. We are one of only nine UK universities taking part in the Defence Technical Undergraduate Scheme (DTUS), for students who wish to pursue a career as an engineer or technical officer in the armed forces or Ministry of Defence Civil Service.



6 *Whilst studying, I took the University's Career Development Module. This module was critical to my ability to get my*

first job – it improved my self-awareness of the skills that I'd developed through my degree and through my extra-curricular work as secretary of the Fellwalking Society. It gave me the confidence to talk genuinely about my experiences and skills in my interview and job application – it was an ideal rehearsal.

Mark Holroyd, BSc Honours Geography graduate – now Sustainable Transport Officer for the New Forest National Park Authority in Hampshire

Find out more...

See all of our opportunities at:
www.ncl.ac.uk/undergraduate/careers

Award-winning careers support

As a Newcastle student, you will receive information, advice and guidance from one of the best, largest and most innovative university careers services in the UK. Ours was also the first UK university careers service to be awarded the Matrix Quality Standard, for the high-quality service it delivers.

As well as professional careers advice and support, you can also receive support in the development of entrepreneurship skills. Around 25 new businesses are set up each year by our students, with the help of the Rise Up team in the Careers Service. As a Newcastle graduate, you can continue to benefit from our careers support for up to three years after you have graduated, and business start-up support is available indefinitely.

Did you know...?

Around 100 new vacancies are posted each week on our comprehensive vacancies database.

Find out more... visit: www.ncl.ac.uk/careers



Education for life

At Newcastle, you are encouraged to start thinking about your future early in your studies. Your Newcastle experience doesn't have to end with graduation. Students become part of our global alumni community enjoying a comprehensive package of benefits and services, designed to help make the best of life after university.



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Cut Out Girls

Cut Out Girls was set up by Fine Art graduates Carla Bromhead and Libby Chilton, who received advice and guidance from the Rise Up team in the Careers Service, which was instrumental in getting their business off the ground.

Together, the creative duo design and produce fashion bags, satchels and rucksacks, and have been so successful selling their unique, quirky designs through small stockists and online that they have now started to branch out overseas.

With two new design collections being launched each year, the bags are going down a storm in Asia and, having recently appointed an agent in Japan, the girls are now aiming to expand and recruit more staff.



There are so many opportunities: the University helped me find a work placement at a local charity and I also found another part-time job. Both of these were relevant to my studies and have helped me progress in my career.

Sadie Boniface, Public Health and Health Services Research MSc

We are in an environment here full of enthusiastic, talented and extremely clever people. It inspires you and also encourages you to broaden your mind and to try new things.

Clare Everett, Modern Languages BA Honours





In good company

As a Newcastle graduate, you will be following in the famous footsteps of people who have since risen to the top of their field in a wide range of professions. They include: Controller of BBC Drama, John Yorke; Commercial Director of London 2012, Chris Townsend; musicians Maximo Park; barrister and author, Constance Briscoe; journalist Kate Adie; world champion rower Ed Coode; actor and comedian Rowan Atkinson; and President of Walt Disney International, Andy Bird.

As a Newcastle student, you will benefit from access to Graduate Connections, our online networking tool that enables graduates to share their careers-related experience and knowledge with current students.

Find out more

To find out more about graduate success at Newcastle, see: www.ncl.ac.uk/undergraduate/careers

To find out more about the University and its facilities, including accommodation, sports and social activities, or the city and surrounding area, take a look at the University's website or request a copy of the *Undergraduate Prospectus* from: www.ncl.ac.uk/requests

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