Work experience during your degree

There are lots of extracurricular opportunities at Newcastle University, and the wide range of options is what gives our students an edge when they apply for graduate positions. Take a look at some of the examples below!

Professional Placement years
A year of work experience after your second year can increase your employability and lead to lots of outstanding job opportunities. These 9-12 month-long placements are typically paid roles and are often taken in sectors relating to your degree programme of study.

Experience overseas
Studying or gaining work experience overseas can be a life-changing experience! Immerse yourself in another culture to learn more about yourself and become a global graduate. We offer opportunities to study overseas for a semester, summer or full year. Alternatively you could complete a work placement year abroad.

Lydia, BSc Physiological Sciences with Placement Year.
Studied a semester in Malaysia after a semester in Germany

Jobs On Campus (JobSoC)
Newcastle University offers students on campus work managed by the JobsOC team in the Careers Service. Students can apply for the flexible work assignments to fit in around their studies; building experience and earning wages

“Take every opportunity that you can... if you want to do something, just go for it!” - Josie, 2021 graduate

Enterprise
Are you interested in self-employment? or you may already run your own venture. You can gain experiential learning and enterprise skills at University. The Careers Service is home to START UP where you can attend workshops, make connections. And meet Start-Up Business Advisers You can access Career Insights days, and access advice, coaching and funding.

Student ambassadors
We employ a range of student ambassadors to help fellow students with things like developing their employability, study skills, or maths skills, or to help run our social media channels and School blog. These roles are student-led and typically open to students at all stages of their degree.
Vacation studentship
This scheme gives you real experience of working in a research laboratory and encourages you to consider a graduate career in research. Placements run in the summer vacation between your 2nd and 3rd years, and most receive funding from external sources or the University itself for 6-12 weeks.

BioSci
By becoming a member of our student-led BioSci society, you can get involved with lots of social, extracurricular and charitable events. Why not join the committee to develop your organisational skills and help to organise those events for your fellow students?

[react] magazine
React is a student-led science magazine, recruiting in many different areas including journalism, editing, design and reporting. It’s a great way to develop your creative side whilst learning about world-leading developments in UK research and industry.

Street Science
Street Science brings Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths to everyone, using hands-on, interactive demonstrations. Use ketchup to explain air pressure or slinkys to explain how sound travels! Street Science is all about making science fun and engaging.

Go Volunteer
Go Volunteer is the volunteering arm of Newcastle University Students’ Union. Whether it’s working with children or the elderly, fundraising for a good cause, or doing a spot of gardening, Go Volunteer will find the perfect project for you!