

Employability Statement 2011/12

Cardiff University is recognised as one of Britain's leading teaching and research universities. Students benefit from a stimulating study environment, research-led teaching and interaction with academics working at the frontiers of knowledge in their field.

Cardiff's approach is to build the skills graduates will need once in employment. Our students are valued for their academic ability, high-calibre, motivation, extra-curricular activities and resourcefulness. 94% of the 2010 cohort of graduates were employed, undertaking further study or taking time out six months after graduation.

Employability is embedded into the student experience and students choose Cardiff University to improve their job opportunities and salary prospects. In a competitive employment arena, Cardiff students are supported in securing the job of their choice through:

- A dedicated and professional Careers and Employability service offering information, advice and guidance to all students.
- Access to a Career Management Skills Programme delivered in our academic Schools to help students articulate the skills they've gained at University to employers - more than 5000 students attend this programme annually.
- A proactive partnership between the University, the Careers Service, the Students' Union, employers, placement providers and students themselves to enhance students' employability and enterprise skills.
- Support from our Student Enterprise Unit for students considering setting up their own business or developing their entrepreneurial skills.
- Paid and unpaid work experience opportunities as part of the flagship GO Wales programme, and the chance to complete a City & Guilds Professional Development Award as a formal recognition of their skills development.
- Excellent relationships with major employers in the UK and local employers who attend Cardiff's employer fairs and target our graduates.
- A dedicated work experience manager, road show events, a work experience fair, workshops and 1:1 advisory sessions.
- Direct links between the University's academic Schools and industry leaders, many of whom give lectures and act on curriculum advisory panels.
- Selected degree schemes with a professional training year and others which provide alternative opportunities to develop core employability skills.
- The chance to meet with employers at presentations and specialised skills sessions where students can establish a connection which may lead to a job offer.

- A bespoke service for International students and a dedicated International Student Career Consultant.
- Support from the Students' Union through its Student Development Unit and Unistaff Jobshop offering casual employment in the University and surrounding area.

Careers support at Cardiff University doesn't stop at Graduation. Help continues to be available from the Careers Service, in person or at a distance, for as long as it is needed through our Graduate Employment Advice Centre.

Our employment statistics speak for themselves and Cardiff University is listed annually in the top twenty universities targeted by *The Times* Top 100 Graduate Recruiters. For further information on the Careers Service and the support available to students visit:

www.cardiff.ac.uk/carsv