



GLOBAL CAREERS

Careers Guide for International Students

Introduction to Global Careers for International Students

Welcome to the University of Lincoln's Careers & Employability Service.

We are a dedicated team of Careers, Skills and Employment Advisers who are here to help you make the most of your time in the UK.

Congratulations on securing a place at our University, and travelling so far to study with us!

We hope you have a great experience here in Lincoln.

Our role is to support you with developing your 'employability' whilst you are here, and ensure you are ready to pursue your career goals after Graduation.

This guide will cover the following:

- An introduction to C&E services
- Finding part-time work
- Finding a job after university
- How to access Visa support
- Support services from around the University
- A-Z of terms
- Links to online resources

Careers & Employability Services

The Careers Centre is located on the ground floor of the library and is open 9am-4:30pm, Monday to Friday. As well as providing a wealth of face-to-face support, we also have a number of digital resources on our website (www.uolcareers.co.uk).

Careers Guidance Appointments

Book a one-hour appointment with a qualified Careers Adviser and receive impartial careers guidance. If you are not sure where you see yourself in the future, or you are torn between several different career journeys, a one-to-one meeting with a member of the team could make the difference for you. With a high level of sector and industry knowledge, our Careers Advisers are here to help you to make an informed decision about your future. We have a Careers Adviser especially set aside for International Students.

Skills Support: Mock Interviews, Application Reviews and more

Our Skills Advisers are on hand to offer support with the practical aspects of career planning, such as job searches, writing applications and practicing your interview techniques. You can book a Careers Clinic appointment online through the booking tool, or in person at the Careers Centre reception.

Finding Work

Our vacancy platform - CareerLinc - gives you access to 1000s of graduate level jobs, as well as work placements and part time jobs. All of the jobs that are advertised through our system have been approved by our team, so you can be reassured that they are genuine advertisements and good opportunities. We can support you to find work that fits with your Visa requirements. To sign up to job alerts, create an account via <https://careers.lincoln.ac.uk/unauth/student/login>

Working with Employers

The teamwork with a wide range of employers all year round. We invite organisations onto campus to talk about their opportunities. We hold a careers fair every year - you can speak to over 70 organisations in one day! We also work with alumni so they can share their career stories with you, offering inspiration and tips. Find upcoming events on our website: www.uolcareers.co.uk/events

Careers & Employability Services

Throughout your time at University, you will hear the term 'employability'. Your level of 'employability' is determined by the activities, work experience and learning you have undertaken whilst you are in the UK. This will prepare you for the world of work and help you to stand out when applying for jobs. It is important to engage with as much as you can, on and off campus. Some ways you can do this are:

- Sign up to the Lincoln Award. This is our employability skills award which will help you to keep track of all your achievements, both professional and academic. Take a look at our website to find out more: www.uolcareers.co.uk/lincolnaward
- Work on your language skills: The International College offer courses throughout the year that cover a range of topics for all proficiencies. Find the International College tab on Blackboard for more support.
- Find work experience: this can be paid or voluntary. The C&E service offers a number of ways to do this, either through Campus Jobs, GoinGlobal or by finding voluntary work. To sign up to job alerts, create an account via <https://careers.lincoln.ac.uk/un-auth/student/login>
- Build your network: get to know as many students as you can whilst you are here, whether they are international students from around the world or from the UK. You never know where your connections might lead you! The best way to make new friends is to join societies. You can stay connected with friends on LinkedIn and other social media platforms. We have our own networking and mentoring tool called Lincoln Connect: www.lincolnconnect.co.uk

Career Development Workshops

The Careers & Employability team run a range of workshops over the course of the year. Whilst there are many that will be helpful for all students, we have some specifically on offer for International Students.

- **Career Planning for International Students:**

The Graduate Route Visa offers a two-year opportunity to work full-time and enhance your skills. Join our workshop to learn how to effectively plan your career actions, develop your skills, and maximize your time on the visa for better job prospects and higher salaries.

- **Visa regulations for working in the UK (during your study and after your study):**

We support international students at every stage of their career journey, from part-time work during studies to securing a dream graduate job. If you're an international student aiming to find a job post-study, understanding visa regulations is crucial. Join this session for valuable insights, in collaboration with the Student Support team.

- **Articulating Skills for the UK Job Market**

Discover how to effectively showcase your unique skills and experiences to stand out in the competitive UK job market. This interactive workshop will guide you on identifying transferable skills, crafting impactful narratives, and confidently communicating your strengths to potential employers. Learn techniques to tailor your applications and excel in interviews while bridging cultural differences in professional settings. Perfect for international students ready to make a lasting impression in their career journey.

- **Practical Career Tips for International Students**

Our Entrepreneurship Workshop is designed to support you in tackling career-related challenges and exploring opportunities. Whether you're deciding on your next steps, preparing for job applications, or planning your career journey, this session offers a supportive environment for discussion and guidance.

To find these events, go to www.uolcareers.co.uk/events. If you think we should deliver a workshop on a specific topic, please let us know by emailing careers@lincoln.ac.uk



POSTGRADUATE

NETWORKING CLUB

If you are a post graduate student, you can join the Post Graduate Networking club to develop your skills.

The Postgraduate Networking Club is a supportive community designed to help postgraduate students prepare for the UK job market. It offers a space where members can connect, learn, and grow together, both personally and professionally.

Through various events, the club encourages members to share their knowledge, skills, and experiences, with a focus on career development, job search strategies, and professional networking tailored to the UK job market.

For more details, please visit <https://uolcareers.co.uk/postgraduate-networking-club/>

Visa & Immigration Help



**Go to the Student Support and Advice Centre
Ask for the International Advice Service**

Tel: 01522 837080

Email: internationaladvice@lincoln.ac.uk

The International Advice Team is part of the Advice Service. They are based in the Student Support and Advice Centre which is on the ground floor of the Minerva Building.

The International Advice Team are the only people in the University who can give immigration advice. This includes any advice about your Student visa.

The Advice Service can also give you employment advice about working in the UK, including how to get a National Insurance Number, information about your rights and responsibilities at work, health and safety at work, issues about pay, income tax, employment contracts and how all of these things may be affected by your immigration status.

If you are looking for work after your studies, the Advice Service can give you detailed information about the Graduate Route and the Skilled Worker Route as well as other options for remaining in the UK once you have graduated.

To speak to an adviser please email: internationaladvice@lincoln.ac.uk



For more information use the QR code on the left to access the International Student webpage.

Getting a National Insurance Number

If you are not a British Citizen you will need a National Insurance Number (NINO) to be able to legally work in the UK. HM Revenue And Customs (HMRC) use this number to make sure you are working legally and paying the correct taxes.

Applying for a National Insurance Number

If you have an eVisa or a BRP, you may already have a National Insurance Number. The number will be shown on your eVisa account or back of your BRP if you do. If you do not already have a National Insurance Number, you will need to make an online application. You can only apply when you are in the UK.

If you have any of the following documents, you will need to get them ready before you start your application as you may need to enter information from one or more of these.

- A Passport
- An eVisa or BRP
- A national identity card from an EU country or from Norway, Liechtenstein or Switzerland

Prove Your Identity

You will need to take and upload:

- A photo of yourself holding your passport
- Photos of other identity documents

You can use a smartphone, tablet or digital camera. You will be told how to take the photos and what they must look like during the application process. You can ask someone to take the photos for you.

If you cannot upload photos, you can still apply online but your application will take longer. You may need to attend an appointment or post photocopies of your documents. You will get an email telling you what to do after you have submitted your application.

Apply Online

Have you applied for a National Insurance number for yourself before? - Apply for a National Insurance number - GOV.UK (apply-national-insurance-number.service.gov.uk)

After You Apply

After you apply you will get an email with your application reference number. The email will tell you if you need to provide further proof of your identity.

It can take up to 4 weeks to get your National Insurance Number after you have proved your identity.

For any additional support, whether it is regarding your National Insurance Number or careers and work in general, please email: careers@lincoln.ac.uk

Next Steps

Your next steps will be dependent on your nationality and Visa type. Once your information has been checked, a form will be posted to you to complete. When you receive this, you can visit the Careers Centre for assistance. Many students are required to attend a face-to-face appointment at a government Job Centre.

Getting a National Insurance Number

Appointments

Your appointment will be at a Job Centre in Nottingham or Kings Lynn (try to request Nottingham as your preference as the journey is shorter).

If you do get an appointment in Nottingham and the member of staff on the phone describes this as 'Nottingham Hyson Green' then the address for this centre is as follows;

Job Centre Plus
124-126 Radford Road
Nottingham
NG7 5FW

If you are sent to a different office, ask the person on the phone for the postcode so that you are able to find this easily.

Getting there

You can book a train to any of the locations through various different websites including the National Rail website, and the Trainline website.

Keep a note of the postcode and address so that you are able to get a taxi to the job centre or ask someone for directions - it's important to be on time!

Ensure that you have sufficient time to find the location when you arrive.

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Campus Jobs



CampusJobs

The University of Lincoln's Student Employment Agency

Campus Jobs is the University of Lincoln's Student Employment Agency. Through Campus Jobs you can access all employment available on campus, from one off opportunities to regular job roles.

You can apply to as many roles as you wish and will be supported through the recruitment process by the Campus Jobs team. If you are successfully recruited, you will have the flexibility of taking up work around your studies with no ongoing commitment to a job role.

The Campus Jobs team will help you earn money and develop employability skills, balanced around your studies. All Campus Jobs student workers receive role specific training and a Campus Jobs Induction on registration.

Campus Jobs is part of the Careers & Employability team and provide a term time drop-in for student workers within the Careers Centre (Ground Floor, University Library), Monday to Friday 10:00 - 12:00.

Read more about Campus Jobs at www.uolcareers.co.uk/campusjobs



Student Enterprise

You cannot be self-employed whilst you study. After you finish studying you may consider self-employment.

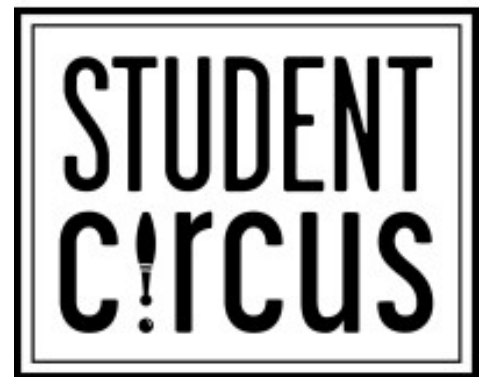
Student Enterprise Service has a wide variety of specialist support available. This support is available whether you are looking to set up a business in the UK or internationally.

Have a look at what is available on: <https://student-enterprise.co.uk/>

Job and Careers websites for International Students

Student Circus

Student Circus is for international students who want to work in the UK after graduation. It hosts UK graduate opportunities for international students. It also contains a wealth of information about working in the UK. Ensure you sign up to the site whilst you are still at university and start looking for roles at the start of your final year of study. <https://lincoln.studentcircus.com/>



Careers & Employability A-Z

There is a lot of new languages to learn when you start University, not to mention all of the words associated with Careers! Here are some words and phrases to research and become familiar. Use this page to reference any more words and terms you come across.

- A - Alumni, Assessment Centre
- B - Blackboard
- C - Cultural Awareness, creative skills
- D - Digital Skills
- E - English language skills
- F - Find Your Feet (careers fair)
- G - Graduate Scheme
- H - HMRC
- I - Internship, interview preparation
- J - Job search
- K - Knowledge economy
- L - Lincoln community
- M - Mentor
- N - National Insurance Number
- O - Opportunities
- P - Prospects
- Q - Quality of applications
- R - Resilience
- S - Societies
- T - Transferable skills
- U - UKCISA
- V - Volunteering, Visas
- W - Working part-time, work experience
- Y - Year abroad

Get support from your Careers & Employability Service

What we offer

- **Careers Clinic**

Our Skills Advisers are available to support you with your job search or the recruitment process for any role; part-time, placement, work experience or graduate. Careers Clinic runs Monday - Friday, 1pm - 4pm. Book an appointment here;

www.uolcareers.co.uk/students-graduates/appointment-booking-tool/

- **Careers Guidance**

Our Careers & Employability Advisers offer 1:1 appointments to support you in exploring your career options and planning. Book an appointment here;

www.uolcareers.co.uk/students-graduates/appointment-booking-tool/

- **Career Events**

We have daily events running to provide information and support your development; some are run by our expert Adviser team and others by employers. All events are advertised here; www.uolcareers.co.uk/events

- **Lincoln Award**

Our employability award is designed to support you in developing and learning how to demonstrate your employability skills. At the end of the award you get the chance to put your learning to the test in our Assessment Centre Experience! Each one is partnered with an employer and students find the opportunity to practise and the feedback they receive invaluable. Full details can be seen here; www.uolcareers.co.uk/students-graduates/lincoln-award/

- **Campus Jobs**

Our student Employment Agency which advertises all jobs for the University on campus from admin to retail, one off roles to ongoing part-time jobs, find out more here;

www.uolcareers.co.uk/students-graduates/jobs-employment-options/campus-jobs/

- **Online Resources**

We have our own Careers & Employability online learning pathways on LinkedIn Learning. We also provide many other online careers resources. More information can be seen here;

www.uolcareers.co.uk/students-graduates/online-resources-and-learning/

- **International Careers Adviser**

If you would like any further help with studying or working abroad you can book an appointment to see our International Careers Adviser via the Careers Centre and through the [online booking tool on the careers website](#).

WHAT WE OFFER



The Lincoln Award



Careers Clinic



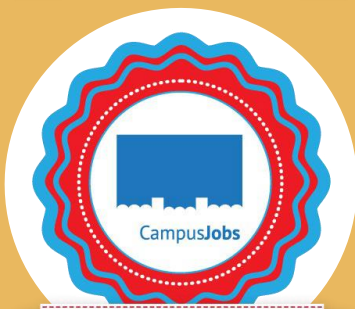
Careers + Employability Workshops



Careers Guidance



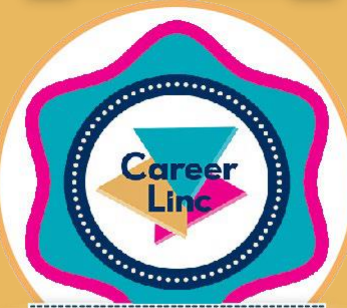
International



Campus Jobs



Graduate Jobs



CareerLinc



Careers Information

The Careers Centre is open
09:00 - 16:30, Monday - Friday

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