

# easy as you learn



University  
of Worcester

[www.worcester.ac.uk](http://www.worcester.ac.uk)

# Over 500 students are currently employed

through the University in a wide range of interesting roles

Most work is highly flexible and designed to fit around study commitments. Training is provided for all positions and the average salary for the opportunities listed here is currently

**£7.37**  
per hour



## Student Ambassador Scheme

Our expanding Student Ambassador Scheme currently employs over 80 students. Student Ambassadors are role models, trained to support a variety of on and off campus activities, including Open Days. Many students also work in administrative roles across the campus and sometimes we are able to match skills with quite specialised jobs (for example, journalism students work in our Press Office). All students are welcome to apply to the scheme and the work often takes place over evenings or weekends.



## Schools Mentoring Programme

We have an ambitious Schools Mentoring Programme and employ 130 students as Associates and Mentors to work in schools and at the University with pupils who may not have considered going to university. Students may mentor on a regular basis or provide support for one-off events. This work usually takes place during the school day, term time only.



## Academic Support Units

Academic Support Units provide administrative support for the University and often require additional help from students, working in a professional office environment.



## Career Destination Survey

Each January and February the University telephones Worcester graduates to ask them about their current job. This is a short intensive piece of work, mainly during evenings.



## The Disability and Dyslexia Support Service

The Disability and Dyslexia Support Service employ students as support workers to assist fellow students on a one-to-one basis. Last year 35 support workers were employed.



## Facilities

Facilities employ students to carry out a number of tasks around the campus including grounds maintenance and cleaning.



**“It’s an extremely friendly working environment, with flexible hours and a great rate of pay for such a fun job!”**

Megan David, third year student

# Types of jobs

student  
ambassador  
coach  
nursery  
worker  
mentor  
camp  
counsellor  
research  
assistant  
actor  
bar work  
guide  
personal  
trainer  
retail

## **Information and Learning Services**

Information and Learning Services employ students within the library and IT sections.

## **Research Assistant Posts**

Research Assistant Posts employ a select number of students to work with individual lecturers on specific research projects during the summer months.

## **The Sports Centre**

Last year 23 students earned an average of £730 each by working at the Sports Centre. You do not need to be a sports student to take up one of these opportunities.

## **Students as Academic Partners**

This is a new scheme, which sponsors 10 learning and teaching projects requiring students to work alongside lecturers over the summer.

## **Students’ Union**

The Students’ Union employed 48 students in different roles last year, including work in their bar, shop and office.

## **Unitots Nursery**

Unitots Nursery employs a pool of casual staff to cover for absences, and students with Early Years qualifications are welcome to apply.



**“Working part-time has given me the opportunity to meet many interesting people, to extend my network and make new friends.”**

Roxanna, third year student

# Work in and around Worcester

**The University of Worcester works with local employers and community organisations to identify and advertise a number of paid opportunities. For example, students with a coaching or refereeing qualification could find work in nearby leagues or sports clubs.**

We seek out relevant opportunities for employment during the summer break, based both here and abroad. Visit our 'Job Shop' during Induction Week and keep an eye on the vacancies page on our website at [www.worcester.ac.uk](http://www.worcester.ac.uk)

**Here's a flavour of some of the course-specific job opportunities available at Worcester**

We try to help you find work that is related to your longer term career aspirations – giving you the chance to build experience and valuable contacts.

Read more in-depth case studies on our website at [www.worcester.ac.uk/getwork](http://www.worcester.ac.uk/getwork)

- The Business School offers year-long, paid placements in sectors including marketing, PR, accounting, management and economics. Recent students have been placed at the House of Commons, IBM and Worcester Bosch
- Archaeology students can earn money working with the Worcestershire Historic Environment and Archaeology Service
- Biology students have recently been appointed to carry out ecological surveys for a local environmental firm

- Drama students have the opportunity to perform with professional companies and work with after-school clubs
- Social Welfare students hold posts as support workers and educational learning assistants in a variety of settings, including children's centres and residential homes
- Many Physical Education students work as coaches, research assistants, camp counsellors and personal trainers during their studies
- All Early Childhood students undertake a minimum of 20 days' practice in a variety of early years settings. Students who demonstrate skills and commitment are often offered ongoing part-time employment

**Plenty of ways to gain experience**

If you'd like to find out more about all our work experience opportunities, including accreditation, course placements and volunteering, visit our website at [www.worcester.ac.uk/getwork](http://www.worcester.ac.uk/getwork)



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## Valuable experience and extra income

For many students, part-time or holiday work has become an integral part of student life.

As well as easing financial pressures, a well-chosen job can provide excellent work experience. It gives you a taste of different working environments and offers a competitive edge for when you leave university and enter the workplace.

It's an opportunity to build your confidence, learn new skills, as well as grow and develop as a person.

## ***Earn as you Learn at Worcester***

At Worcester we actively promote *Earn as you Learn* prospects for our students by:

- Ensuring all first-year students identify and develop skills through their course that will assist them in gaining employment
- Working with appropriate companies and organisations to identify and advertise opportunities for students to gain employment alongside their studies

- Providing plentiful and varied jobs for students at the University itself
- Formally recognising a variety of achievements, including work experience and extra-curricular activities and helping students promote this experience to future employers

## Helpful additional income

Any money that you earn while you are studying will not count in your income assessment and so will not affect the level of support, i.e. grants and loans that you are entitled to from the Government.

You may be exempt from paying income tax on money earned through part-time work, so make sure that your employer is aware that you are a full-time student.

## Balance work with study

It's important to be realistic and balanced in your approach to part-time work.

Working for too many hours during term-time will affect your ability to produce good academic work. We recommend that full-time students do not do more than 20 hours of paid employment per week.

## Outstanding graduate employment

We are proud of our graduates and their outstanding employment record. The University of Worcester has achieved the highest overall graduate employment rate for any university in the West Midlands for the past three years, and 15 out of 16 Worcester graduates go into work or further study within six months of graduating – well above the national average.

We can offer you advice on completing application forms, updating your CV, and help with interview techniques from the moment you start your studies, so that you have the best chance of gaining employment whilst a student and after graduation.

We conduct a formal selection process for each of the University opportunities to provide you with a chance to practise and improve your application and interview skills.



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