

Careers Service & Student Jobshop - Webchat for International Postgraduate Offer-holders - Thursday 23 June 2011, 2 - 3pm

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Message

I'm Claire and I'll be moderating the chat today. There are staff from our Careers Service and Jobshop online who will introduce themselves shortly. Please feel free to ask questions about looking for part-time work

Or questions on careers support.

It would help if you could let us know what course you are planning to take.

You may also notice that there is a delay between posting your question and seeing it on screen. Don't worry - the questions aren't published until I send it through to one of our experts to answer them. So please expect a few minutes delay before you get an answer.:)

We will try and deal with all your questions but may leave ones that we feel have already been answered.

Hi - I'm Rachael, and I work for the Student Jobshop, which is part of the University Careers Service, and I'm here to answer any questions you might have on getting a part-time job in Sheffield while you study

Im Gill and I work in our Student Jobshop and I hope I will be able to answer your questions about getting a part-time job in Sheffield when you are studying here

Hi I'm Judy- I am a Careers adviser and I have specific responsibility for international students and I am her to answer your questions about careers

Hi, I'm a prospective student who is due to commence my MSc (Molecular Medicine) course in Sep 2011. May I enquire on the prospects of getting a part-time job during my course? Can I for instance conduct part-time tuition for secondary school students while undergoing this course? Also am I eligible to apply for (and work full-time) in Sheffield following completion of my studies? Thanks.

Hi shiraz14 - Most international students can work up to 20 hours a week while they study, and the Student Jobshop can help you look and apply for part-time jobs. We also have an online vacancy database called myVacancies - when you register as a student here, you will be able to access this database and view all the part-time jobs we have on offer. Unfortunately, you won't be able to tutor secondary school students, as you would have to be either a qualified teacher or self-employed. There are lots of other jobs that you can apply for in Sheffield though - we advertise jobs in the university, the students' union, and lots of businesses in and around the city, so you should be able to find a job that fits around your studies

shiraz14 - If you want to work full-time after your studies you will need to transfer onto a different visa- a work visa rather than a student visa. The Government are currently changing the visa rules. The Staff within the University of Sheffield Students Union are experts on all of these matters and you can keep up to date with developments on - <http://www.shef.ac.uk/union/student-advice-centre/immigration/> Once you come to Sheffield you can also get individual advice from them.

dhenuka

hello this is dhenuka from india i hold an offer from the school of architecture. would like to know about jobs while doing phd

[Student Jobshop-Gill](#)

dhenuka Hi - The Student Jobshop is available to help you find a part-time job whilst you study in Sheffield. We operate an online Vacancy Service (myVacancies) which is available to all registered students. Once you are registered you will be able to use myVacancies to look for a suitable opportunity, or you can visit us in the Student Jobshop to discuss your options.

gayathri

[Careers-Judy](#)

Careers-Judy Can I know the opportunities in the field of Clinical Research please?

gayathri There isn't a simple answer the best thing I can suggest you do is look at the website www.prospects.ac.uk and go to the types of Jobs section and there you will be able to find lots of info about the career area you are looking for

vjarch

Hi.. I will be joining MSc Architectural Engineering Design this year. I d like to know if the job shop will help me find course-related part time jobs..

[Student Jobshop - Rachael](#)

Hi vjarch - The Jobshop can help you look for part-time jobs, and can help you apply (we have lots of information on how to write applications and covering letters). While sometimes we may advertise jobs which are related to a specific course, most of the jobs we advertise are quite general. What we would recommend if you are looking for an architecture related job is making what we call a 'speculative application' - this is where you send your CV to companies that might not be advertising a job, and tell them about your skills and that you are looking for work. We have information on how to make speculative applications in the Student Jobshop, and a member of the team will be happy to talk to you about making these kind of applications if you come visit us when you arrive

119437069

Hi, I am student from China. I hold a offer of Information System MSc. I would like to know is it possible for international students to get a part-time job there?

[Student Jobshop-Gill](#)

119437069 Hi - The Student Jobshop is available to help students find part-time work whilst they study in Sheffield and once you are registered you can access myVacancies our online Vacancy Service. This carries a range of opportunities and if you are specifically looking for a particular type of work you may find it helpful to send your CV/resume to employers in the industry of interest to you.

chaitralidhamne

hi i am chaitrali. i am prospectus student for mol med. since i am spending an substantial amount of money,i would like to have a fair idea of my prospects i.e placements after the course completion for research/employment

Careers-Judy

chaitralidhamne The Careers Service provides lots of help to students to look for jobs when they complete their course. A lot will depend on factors such as what exactly you want to do, your previous experience, your abilities and qualities etc. But there are several places to get more information about future careers- -The departmental web pages of the course you are applying for will have some information about what their graduates have gone on to do. -The Careers Service's 'Careers with my Degree' pages <http://www.shef.ac.uk/careers/students/worktypes/degree>

Careers-Judy

vjarch

Student Jobshop-Gill

You can also ask the department about careers after the course

Are internships offered to pg students during short vacations - christmas, easter etc?

vjarch Hi - the Student Jobshop offers a range of opportunities for students to undertake whilst they study in Sheffield, including part-time work but also vacation work and internships. Most internships are offered during the summer vacation, and many are targetted at undergraduate students in their penultimate year of study.

aishaf

Student Jobshop - Rachael

What part time jobs are available for students who have bachelors degrees and what is the approximate pay?

Hello aishaf - There are lots of different types of jobs available to students at the University, from administrative jobs to retail, bar work, scientific work, web design, jobs in and around the university and on campus. When you register as a student at the University, you will have access to our online vacancy database, myVacancies, where we advertise a huge range of jobs from employers in and around the city, so you can see for yourself what jobs are available. The rate of pay depends on the kind of job, but all of our jobs (unless they are volunteering jobs for a charity) will pay national minimum wage or more. National minimum wage is £5.93 per hour if you are age 21 or over

aishaf

International Office - Claire

anbiyaei.mr

Student Jobshop-Gill

Will a transcript of this online chat be posted online?

Yes we will be posting a transcript after this chat. Check back tomorrow.}

Hi. I have an offer for Data Communications. I have a bachelors degree in electronics, also I have worked in a company for 2 years. I repaired PC mainboards. What kind of job I can do as part time in sheffield?

anbiyaei.mr Hi - with a degree in electronics and 2 years of experience you will have a lot of skills that may be of interest to local employers. Whilst we advertise a wide range of part-time jobs via our myVacancies online Vacancy Service, if you are looking for a specific type of work (repairing PC mainboards) you would probably find it helpful to make some speculative applications to employers in Sheffield who are active in that area. Otherwise, you will be able to use our myVacancies service to look for part-time jobs in other areas of interest to you.

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aptenme

Careers-Judy

hi i,m a prospective Mphil/Phd student what are the job prospects for me.

drambreenazam So much depends on what you want to do, your abilities and qualities and experiences. There is lots of on our website including info for PhD student s at [ww.shef.ac.uk/careers](http://www.shef.ac.uk/careers)

We will not be able to answer any PMs during this session.

I'm writing again. I will take Masters in International Studies on September 2011/12 and need a part time job to cover my studies. I have worked as a journalist for 12 years. I have finished Secondary School of Medicine and I worked as a nurse.

Hi sebahateshala@yahoo.com There are lots of part-time jobs available in Sheffield, and when you register as a student, you will be able to access our online vacancy database - this is where we advertise part-time jobs in and around Sheffield. There are lots of different jobs available - from jobs in the university and on campus to administrative, sales, retail, technical. If you have previously worked as a nurse, you might be interested in care work - we advertise a lot of jobs throughout the year for care workers, often to look after elderly or vulnerable people, and these are paid, part-time positions, and the hours vary so you should be able to find a job to fit in around your studies. If you are looking for a journalism job, then we do sometimes advertise for companies who want people to write for a website, but these would usually be to give people who haven't got a lot of writing experience a chance to get their work published, so they are usually not paid. I'm a journalism student myself, and paid part-time journalism jobs are very hard to find in Sheffield, so if you are looking for part-time work you may want to think about other kinds of jobs to earn some extra money.

Please be patient when submitting questions. There are alot being posted.}

Judy, kindly provide detailed information about the career counseling service. Also if possible, throw some light on the no. of students who have successfully been placed this year after completion of MBA full time

aptenme The University has an excellent Careers Service which is there to help students with their Career plans. The services we offer include:-A Careers website, a Careers Centre, a Jobshop (for part-time jobs and work experience opportunities), a Vacancies website, Inviting Graduate Employers onto Campus to give presentations to students, Organising Careers Fairs, Individual guidance appointments with Careers Advisers (15 minute and 1 hour appointments) and lots more! There are also lots of additional events and services specifically for International students and I co-ordinate those. There are more details of all our services on our website www.shef.ac.uk/careers We have a Careers Adviser who works specifically to support MBA students

aptenme I want to know what is the process to apply for part-time job while studying an intense course such as MBA. What is the basis on which students are selected for particular part-time job?

[Student Jobshop-Gill](#) aptenme Hi - when you are studying an MBA you may find that you do not have many hours free to undertake a part-time job, however, if you decide to look for one you can use our online myVacancies service to see the opportunities available. Selection for part-time jobs is competitive - students apply by CV and covering letter and the employer will select students for interview and following interview will appoint to the vacancy.

Suraj Mahananda hello I'm suraj and hold an offer for MSc Control Systems...would like to know the career prospects after PG from Univ.of Sheffield

[Careers-Judy](#) Suraj Mahananda -The Careers Service's "Careers with my Degree" pages <http://www.shef.ac.uk/careers/students/worktypes/degree> will be of help to you. We also have 2 Careers Advisers who work with students in the Engineering Faculty to help them find jobs or further study after their course. Most students from Control Systems look for Careers in Engineering but in the UK you can apply for jobs in other areas as well such as Business and Finance etc

funmi hi, i am a prospective student for masters in dental public health, sept start, i will like to know what kind of medically related part time jobs i can do and how to go about it

[Student Jobshop-Gill](#) funmi - Hi - the Student Jobshop advertises a wide range of vacancies suitable for students looking for part-time work, but many of these are not course related eg catering, retail etc. You may find it more useful to make a speculative application, and send your CV/resume directly to organisations who offer the experience you are seeking and can utilise the skills you offer. Sheffield has a number of teaching hospitals and a dental hospital and you may be able to approach them to see whether they can help you.

funmi thanks Gill

aishaf When can we start to apply for these jobs? Are the working hours flexible enough to fit into our class schedules?

[Student Jobshop - Rachael](#) Hi [aishaf] - If you want to start work as soon as possible, then you can start applying for jobs as soon as you arrive in Sheffield. You can call into the Student Jobshop (we are in the students' union) and we can talk to you about how to apply for jobs in the UK, how to look for work (we have an online database of jobs which you will be able to access when you register as a student here) and anything else you might like to know about finding a jobs. There are lots of different kind of jobs available, and the hours of work are different for each job, but yes, you should be able to find a job that fits around your studies. Most employers who offer jobs to students understand that university work comes first, and so most of the jobs we advertise are flexible - usually, you would work a certain day or certain number of hours each week, and we advertise jobs from as little as an hour or 2 a week up to 16 hours a week, so it's you can choose

[Student Jobshop - Rachael](#) [aishaf] to apply for jobs that you think will suit your timetable

erizabesu

Howdy! I'm Elizabeth and I'm American. I was wondering if it was possible to work off-campus at a local school? My undergrad degree is in Education.

Student Jobshop-Gill

erizabesu Hi - the Student Jobshop operates an online Vacancy Service (myVacancies) which advertises a range of part-time job opportunities, however, teaching work in schools is only available to those with teaching qualifications. The Jobshop often advertises other roles in schools eg lunchtime supervisors but these generally require a regular commitment of 1-2 hours each day in the middle of the day. As you already have a degree in Education you would be best advised to contact local schools to see whether they can offer you the experience you require.

Bella10

Hi, I have a question for Judy: I'll be attending the MA Librarianship course in September, and I'm curious as to the current employment situation in the UK right now. I realize that cutbacks are ongoing due to the global economic recession, but I was wondering if there is any sort of hiring freeze, and also my eligibility for employment after graduation as an international worker.

Careers-Judy

Bella10 - there are cutbacks in the public sector at present but there isn't a hiring freeze in Local Government, or in Universities -(both hire Librarians). Also the private sector recruit information staff. Re eligibility for work after graduation for international students the Government is in the process of changing its immigration rules for international graduates wanting to work in the UK after their studies and not all the details are available yet. The information that we have at the moment is that it is likely that international students will need to apply for vacancies and get a job with a Company that is a licensed sponsor (under New Tier 2 of the regulations). The job will need to be one paying in the region of £20,000 and the student will need to get the job and switch visa categories before their student visa expires (approximately the length of their course plus 4 months). However this could change. University Staff and others are still lobbying Government to ask them to relax these regulations. Staff within the University of Sheffield Students Union are experts on all of these matters and you can keep up to date with developments on - <http://www.shef.ac.uk/union/student-advice-centre/immigration/> Once you come to Sheffield you can also get individual advice from them.

renatafb

I am a prospect Journalism MA student and was wondering whether there is any possibility of working part time at the university.

Student Jobshop - Rachael

Hello renatafb - I'm also a journalism MA student at the university (I work for the Student Jobshop part-time) and yes, there is the possibility of working part-time at the University. There are lots of students who work for the university part-time, and we advertise lots of different jobs in and around campus - from the union shops, bars and cafes to different university departments. When you register here as a student, you will be able to access myVacancies, which is our online vacancy database (where we advertise jobs available to University of Sheffield students). This is where you would find details of any university jobs. If you call into the Student Jobshop when you arrive, we can show you how to use the system, and how to apply for work. Jobs in the university are very popular, however, so when they are advertised there is a lot of competition. But yes, lots of students choose to work on campus and there are lots of jobs available in the university throughout the year

International Office - Claire

This is a moderated chat. There will be a delay between posting questions and seeing it on screen and answering, as there are so many being posted. Please note that at the moment, this is about 15 mins

International Office - Claire

Please expect a delay before you get an answer.

aptenme

Would someone provide details about job market scenario for MBA graduates??

Careers-Judy

aptenme So there are no simple answers to your question. So much will depend on you, your previous experience, your achievements, what you want to do, where you want to work and what you have to offer employers- but we will do everything we can to help you achieve your ambitions. A lot of MBA students look for jobs in the UK, or worldwide. There is a lot of help on our international students web pages www.shef.ac.uk/careers

amirdoroudian

Should students necessarily find a job through the jobshp? I mean can we get a job without involving the university?

Student Jobshop-Gill

amirdoroudian Hi - although many students use the Student Jobshop to look for a part-time job it is not of course essential for you to do this. We undertake a lot of marketing to local employers and encourage them to advertise their part-time jobs with us, but some employers prefer to use other channels and we know that many students find work via their own contacts and networks. The Student Jobshop is a good starting point but competition for jobs is high so any methods you can use to find part-time work will help you to be successful.

Mae I will be studying an MSc in Economics and would like to know- are there any part-time jobs available that entail not more than 2/3 hours of work a week? And what kind of jobs are these? This is just to help me pay my living expenses, atleast a part of it. I don't want a job that'll take up too much of my study time.

[Student Jobshop - Rachael](#)

Hello Mae - yes, there are some part-time jobs that only need students to work 2 or 3 hours a week. We don't know exactly what jobs will be available when you start your studies, but as we advertise lots of different jobs, you should be able to find one to fit around your studies. When you arrive and you register, you can search for jobs on our online vacancy database, and you will be able to see for yourself if there are any jobs that suit what you are looking for. Hope that answers your question

Mae
kutimoh@yahoo.com
[Careers-Judy](#)

Oh yes it does. Thanks Rachael :)

what is the possibility for securing a job in UK after completion of master studies

kutimoh@yahoo.com The amazing thing about my job, as a Careers Adviser, is that every single student, (and there are about 25,000 in total in Sheffield), is different. They come with different previous experience, have different personal qualities, and have different ambitions for themselves. So we treat each person as an individual and try to work with them to help them achieve their career goals. So there are no simple answers and no guarantees. So much will depend on you: your achievements, what you want to do, where you want to work and what you have to offer employers- but we will do everything we can to help you achieve your ambitions.

ghina

Hello, I am Ghina, I got an offer concerning accomodation fees but unfortunately i cant meet the expenses so how can i apply for part time job, teacher assistant or career? and how much does that lessen the fees. Note: I applied for Computer Vision Engineering (MSc)

[Student Jobshop - Rachael](#)

Hi ghina - To get a visa, you will have to show that you have the money to pay for your tuition fees and your accommodation fees. I'm afraid if you don't have the money to pay for your accommodation, you will have trouble getting a visa. We would never recommend that you rely on finding a part-time job to pay for your studies, as accommodation is expensive and you can never be certain you will be able to pay for them through working once you get here. If you can provide the money for accommodation, but would like some extra spending money when you are here, then there are lots of different types of part-time jobs you can apply for in Sheffield - but it would be difficult to get work as a teaching assistant (lots of students study teaching courses and schools would be more likely to employ people who are studying teaching in the UK, or who are permanently in the UK). Lots of students work as carers, either for charities or individuals. These are paid, and they will usually mean you have to work certain shifts and a certain number of hours each week, so you should be able to find care jobs to fit around your studies. Other than care jobs, there are lots of jobs you can apply for - from working in shops, cafes and restaurants to working for local businesses and in and around the university, and sometimes you might even find a course

maitreyee_ramya@yahoo.co.in Hello. This is ramya from India. I'll be coming for my PhD in Human Communication sciences and would like to know about the job opportunities while pursuing my degree

[Student Jobshop-Gill](#) maitreyee_ramya@yahoo.co.in Hi - the Student Jobshop operates an online Vacancy Service called myVacancies and we advertise a wide range of part-time job opportunities. eg catering, retail etc However, if you are looking for something related to your studies, you may find it more helpful to make a speculative application and send off your resume to organisations who offer relevant career opportunities. There are a number of teaching hospitals in Sheffield who may be able to assist you.

gvasudev007 hi . . i am from india . . i hold a offer of information systems managment . . i would like to know the possibilities of different full time jobs after graduation . . .different companies which come for placements there . .

[Careers-Judy](#) gvasudev007 Have a look at -The departmental web pages for Information Systems -they will have some information about what their graduates have gone on to do. Also -The Careers Service's 'Careers with my Degree' pages <http://www.shef.ac.uk/careers/students/worktypes/degree> And -Prospects website (which is an excellent UK national careers website) the section 'Options with your Subject'. It probably isn't possible to be more specific in this chatroom at the moment, but when you come to Sheffield we have a Careers Adviser who works with each course to help students look for employment.

[International Office - Claire](#) **There is a delay in posting questions as this is moderated and our guest speakers can only answer so many questions at a time! Plesae be patient.**

aimrashid usually what is the rate of the payment? any rule of thumb? or it is based on the firm themselves?

[Student Jobshop-Gill](#) aimrashid Hi - in the UK we have the National Minimum Wage which is currently £4.92 per hr at 18 yrs and £5.93 per hr at 21 yrs. This is the rate that is payable for many student part-time jobs although some employers do pay more. It is up to the employer to determine the rate for the job.

pub1935170 ejiro again from nigeria. what are my prospects after a masters in public health?

[Careers-Judy](#) pub1935170 One of my colleagues works with students in this department and he recently helped to organise a Careers afternoon where employers (including medical-related organisations/Charities etc came along to meet the students. He will be available to help you when you come to Sheffield. Also Check out the web pages of the department - they will have some Careers info about prospects after the course. The Careers Service also runs a lot of general services such as help with CVs and Interviews etc

pub1935170 thanks Judy

rpyuzza [b]So what kind of jobs are available to student who would like to get a pt job

[Student Jobshop - Rachael](#) @ [rpyuzza] - There are lots of different jobs available to students who want to work part-time. While we can't say exactly what type of jobs will be available when you arrive, some of the jobs we advertise to students include: from jobs in the university

galian

Hi.....I've got an offer for MSc Development Economics and policy. Tell me, please : is it difficult for students to combine the study and work in Sheffield?

Student Jobshop-Gill

galian Hi - many students combine study at the University with a part-time job. Students on full-time courses are advised to work no more than 16 hrs per week (even though international students can legally work for 20) Once you are at Sheffield and have your timetable you will be able to see how much time you have available to work part-time. The Jobshop advertises many different part-time opportunities - some require a regular commitment of hours on a regular basis but we also sometimes advertise roles which are for a short period of time eg to assist with planning and running an event. Some students prefer to have on ongoing regular job, others just to work on a more occasional basis. It is up to you to decide how many hours you can devote to work which will not interfere with your studies.

International Office - Claire

Our staff are replying as quickly as possible. There is a backlog of questions. We will answer as many as we can.

International Office - Claire

We will run another chat like this in about a month. The transcript of this will be available on our prospective international pages from where you logged in.

Careers-Judy

In addition to all our usual services for all students we have lots of additional services for international students and most of these are mentioned on the section of our website specifically for international students
<http://www.shef.ac.uk/careers/students/inter> They include:- -Videos of International Students talking (including success stories), -A resource for those who want to work internationally -'myInternationalCareer' which is a gateway to useful websites and resources covering 64 different countries! -'Going Global' which is a database that we have purchased - it has lots of useful international information including 16 million worldwide vacancies. -An International Students blog that I write, which has lots of useful tips, vacancies and details of events.- -A programme of Talks, and Workshops for International Students on a range of careers topics such as 'How to maximise your chances of getting a graduate job', 'Interview Technique' and lots more. Have a look at the website and see what you think!- Judy

Careers-Judy

The website I mentioned earlier is www.sheffield.ac.uk/careers/students/inter

kennedyphiri

for part time works, whats the best time to apply

Student Jobshop - Rachael

@[kennedyphiri]Well, it's really up to you. nce you arrive, and you have moved into your accommodation, you might want to start looking for work right away. Some students, however, prefer to settle in for a few weeks and get to know the city before they s

Student Jobshop - Rachael

@[kennedyphiri] Once you arrive, and you feel you are ready to look for work, call into the Student Jobshop in the Students' Union and we can show you how to get started

kennedyphiri

ok thanks

kennedyphiri

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International Office - Claire

There's only another 5 minutes of this chat left. Sorry if we have not been able to get to your specific question. Please do have a look at Judy's suggestions above.

lizukun

Hello, I am a Chinese student in the major of money, banking and finance, and I know that Chinese students are so hard to find a full-time job in Britain. Is that right? Could you help me to find a job after graduate?

Careers-Judy

lizukun We won't 'find' a job for you but we will do everything we can to assist you in finding a job. We have Advisers who link to each course area and therefore who know about Careers in Banking and Finance. The general services we offer include: - A Careers website, a Careers Centre, a Jobshop (for part-time jobs and work experience opportunities), a Vacancies website, Inviting Graduate Employers onto Campus to give presentations to students, Organising Careers Fairs, Individual guidance appointments with Careers Advisers (15 minute and 1 hour appointments) and lots more!

mep10tjs

Hi, I'm Joseph JS. I'm a Phd student in Mechanical Engineering. What are the part-time job prospects for me in Sheffield and what are the processes of applying for jobs?

Student Jobshop - Rachael

Hi [mep10tjs]. There are lots of part-time jobs available for students studying at the University - when you arrive, you call into the Student Jobshop and we can talk to you about looking and applying for part-time jobs. As you can see in my previous posts, there are lots of different part-time jobs available and lots of them are very flexible. We also have a part-time jobs fair on 5th October where you can meet with lots of employers at the university in one day, talk to them and hand them your CV. The process is usually a CV and covering letter - if you're not sure what these are, we have lots of information in the Jobshop to help you write them.

sarahasif87

My question is that what is the procedure in order to get on campus job?

Student Jobshop-Gill

sarahasif87 Hi - Campus jobs are advertised through the Student Jobshop's myVacancies online Vacancy Service, alongside off-campus jobs. Campus jobs tend to be in the catering and retail outlets in the Students' Union or within University departments eg the Library, Careers Service. However, you should be aware that campus jobs are very popular and competition is high. Applications are usually submitted by CV or application form, with interviews being offered to selected candidates. We are holding a Part-time Jobs Fair on 5 October which will include a number of employers with part-time vacancies, both off and on campus - you may like to visit if you are in Sheffield.

International Office - Claire

That's all for today. Thanks for taking part. Sorry that we could not get to all the questions. We will post the transcript on our international pages where the info on the webchats is. Thanks