Employability.
At the end of second year, I spent my placement at a small private sector planning firm in my home town. My supervisor created my placement around my interests, where I was given a project of my own to work on. As it was a small company, my supervisor also arranged it so that I would have the chance to network with the local planning authority and bigger private consultancies too, which was very beneficial! The department are so helpful at enabling these opportunities, sometimes making the first point of contact with employers and offering helpful guidance on CVs and covering letters.

Bethany Wiles
MPlan Urban Studies and Planning Student
Employability.

The employability of our students after graduation is hugely important to the Department of Urban Studies and Planning. Our degrees are designed with your career in mind and we incorporate projects and placements into our degrees that let our students engage with real world planning issues.

We have a strong graduate employment record and our graduates are employed throughout the world, working for companies such as CBRE, Savills, UN HABITAT, Oxfam and the World Bank. Many work in public and private sector real estate and planning offices, working in housing, transport planning, development control, forward planning, regeneration, urban design, heritage and conservation. Our dedicated employability team will make sure that our students receive all of the help and support that they need to prepare them for their careers.

Professor Malcolm Tait, Head of Department
What support is available in the department?

The Department of Urban Studies and Planning offers bespoke employability support for our students. We work closely with our graduates, so that current students can meet and learn from them through networking events and careers talks.

Our links with employers are also strong and enhance our curriculum. We maintain positive relationships with our network of employers and industry professionals in the private, public and voluntary sectors. Our employer contacts visit the Department to deliver skills sessions for our students and a large proportion of our students go on to complete placements or projects with these employers.

We communicate regularly with our students to keep them updated on employability support and activities. Careers advice sessions can be arranged with our dedicated support staff and employability skills are integrated into our curriculum. Throughout our modules we identify the employability skills that you are developing, making it easier for you to communicate these when applying for placements, further study, and graduate jobs.

Our employability support is also truly international. Malaysia, Dubai and China are just some of the recent destinations for our graduates.
I did my Easter Placement at Southwark Council. Throughout my experience, my supervisor and my team were very welcoming and friendly. Being part of the policy team, I was able to see how they set up housing targets, engage with the neighbourhood, and draft future local plans. I also attended site visits with the enforcement team and regeneration team which was definitely the best part of my experience, because sometimes discussion could get tense between different parties! I am really thankful I have had two placements so far from both the private and public sector, they have definitely helped me to choose what postgraduate course I will be doing.

Enoch Lam
MPlan Urban Studies and Planning student
Careers Service.

The University’s Careers Service works closely with the Department of Urban Studies and Planning to organise opportunities for students to meet employers, gain work experience placements and graduate jobs. Careers advisers meet with students to support them in developing their skills and make choices from the wide range of opportunities open to them. You can find out more about our support at sheffield.ac.uk/careers

Students can undertake a range of placements and access dedicated support from our placements team. Opportunities range from summer and year-long placements, through to part-time placements whilst you study. You can explore your options here: sheffield.ac.uk/placements/students

You can also explore the career options for students in Urban Studies and Planning and see graduate vacancies on our dedicated Careers Service page: sheffield.ac.uk/careers/usp
Opportunities for our Students.

The Department of Urban Studies and Planning is part of the Faculty of Social Sciences at the University of Sheffield. **Global Learning Opportunities in the Social Sciences** (GLOSS) aims to provide students with unique opportunities to understand their courses in an international context, actively engage with international policy makers, stakeholders and partners, and be involved in international research. GLOSS also allows students to develop their skills which will enhance their employment prospects. GLOSS offers three distinct schemes to students: the Global Leadership Initiative, the Research Associate Scheme and SIDshare.

You can find out more at: [sheffield.ac.uk/gloss](http://sheffield.ac.uk/gloss)

Sheffield Undergraduate Research Experience (SURE) offers undergraduate students in their penultimate year of study the chance to be directly involved in research activity at the University of Sheffield, working in partnership with an academic staff member on a dedicated ‘real life’ research project during the summer vacation.

The scheme allows students to gain practical research experience and to develop transferable skills that will benefit them in their studies and their future careers.

Find out more about SURE at: [sheffield.ac.uk/sure/301](http://sheffield.ac.uk/sure/301)
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