START YOUR OWN BUSINESS

Hub for Innovation and Enterprise activities are open to all students at the University of Kent and include:
- free one-to-one business advice and access to business mentors
- business start-up workshops
- online business start-up modules
- competitions for students
- workspace facilities.

www.kent.ac.uk/enterprise/hub

GET Rewarded for INvolvement in Co-curricular ACTIVITIES

The Employability Points (EP) Scheme rewards you for undertaking co-curricular activities while you study at the University of Kent.

For each co-curricular activity undertaken you can claim points.

Towards the end of each academic year, you can redeem your points on rewards, which include internships, work placements, training and vouchers.

All rewards are offered by a significant number of local, national and international businesses and organisations.

www.kent.ac.uk/employabilitypoints

YEAR IN INDUSTRY

Many Academic Schools offer a year in industry. Spending your third year working for an employer has so many benefits, including:
- an opportunity to put what you have learned into practice
- increase your practical understanding of your subject
- gain further knowledge
- develop skills vital for your future.

www.kent.ac.uk/ces/placements.html

STUDY ABROAD

Stand-out from other graduates by spending time overseas as part of your degree. For more information speak to your Academic School.

www.kent.ac.uk/goabroad

The Kent Global Passport (KGP) is a free online app which has been designed to help you to highlight your international skills and experience. The aim is to help you make the most of internationally relevant activities in your daily life.

Search for ‘Kent Global Passport’ in the app store.

www.kentunion.co.uk/volunteer-hub/recognition

SUBJECT-SPECIFIC SUPPORT FROM YOUR ACADEMIC SCHOOL

Each Academic School has a dedicated employability contact who can support you with your career plans.

Employability support is available through your Academic School. Examples include:
- support with year in industry and studying abroad
- links with alumni
- support to help you consider your career options
- employability workshops and presentations
- insight days
- school specific events at the annual Employability Festival.

Check the website of your Academic School to find out about support on offer.

At Kent we aim to enable you to develop a set of attributes which will support your employability and future career prospects. Making the most of the opportunities on offer during your time here at Kent will help you to develop:
- confidence
- creativity and innovation
- critical reflection
- global/cultural awareness
- integrity and accountability
- intellectual curiosity
- resilience

Read on to find out how you can develop these attributes.

www.kent.ac.uk/gradgoals

You can find out more about all of these initiatives at:
www.kent.ac.uk/employability
Kent Union has a range of opportunities that will help develop your employability skills.

There are numerous student staff opportunities in Kent Union outlets, including Essentials, Venue, Library Café, Woody’s, Advice Centre and the Activities Centre.

- Thousands of jobs advertised through Jobshop, including one-off temp positions.
- Thousands of volunteering opportunities, from one-off to longer term opportunities including running a student group.
- Bespoke training programmes for any Kent Union roles.
- Lots of sports, societies and community action groups for you to join. If you can’t find something you like, why not start your own?

All of these opportunities will help you ‘Futureproof’ yourself for forthcoming graduate employment.

Record your co-curricular experiences on Kent Union’s Employability Toolkit. The toolkit helps you to reflect on how you are developing your employability skills.

www.kentunion.co.uk

The award-winning Careers and Employability Service is committed to successfully preparing you for employment and further study. Examples of the support on offer include:

- career guidance interviews
- job application support
- employer talks
- the annual Employability Festival and Careers Fair
- online mentoring
- bursaries for unpaid work experience
- vacancy database
- Careers Award on Moodle.

www.kent.ac.uk/ces

Follow your interests, learn something new and add to your CV with Study Plus.

Study Plus offers a diverse range of courses on a wide variety of topics which are free and open to all Kent students. Examples of courses include:

- creative arts and digital photography
- Microsoft Office
- student mentoring at University
- Language Express Bitesize: Arabic, Dutch, French, Japanese, Mandarin, Modern Greek and Spanish
- gaining work experience and employability skills
- business start-up workshops
- and many, many more.

You will be eligible for Employability Points and courses will appear on your Higher Education Achievement Report (providing you meet the minimum attendance requirements).

www.kent.ac.uk/studyplus

The Global Skills Award Programme is designed to broaden your understanding of global issues and current affairs as well as to develop personal skills.

The six-month programme runs from November to April and all students registered for a taught Master’s Degree are eligible to apply.

The programme offers an opportunity to network with students from a wide variety of backgrounds and disciplines.

www.kent.ac.uk/global-skills-award

The Researcher Development Programme

The programme is designed to equip research students and postdoctoral researchers with a full range of skills which will improve your effectiveness as a researcher, and ensure that you are not only highly qualified but employable in a variety of careers by the end of your research project.

Find out more at: www.kent.ac.uk/researcher-development-programme

Kent Sport

Take part in the intercollege cup, set goals in the gym or try something new. Being active improves wellbeing and can help you become more employable. For more information see

www.kent.ac.uk/sports

Student Ambassadors

Become a student ambassador and get paid-work with local secondary schools to:

- raise aspiration and attainment
- support prospective students visiting campus
- develop your own skills in communication, confidence and teaching.

www.kent.ac.uk/ambassadors

www.kent.ac.uk/ces