

YOUR CAREERS SERVICE
YOUR FUTURE

Careers Support for University of Manchester Postgraduates

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Agenda



- How will your Postgraduate qualification make a difference?
- What can the Careers Service do to support you?

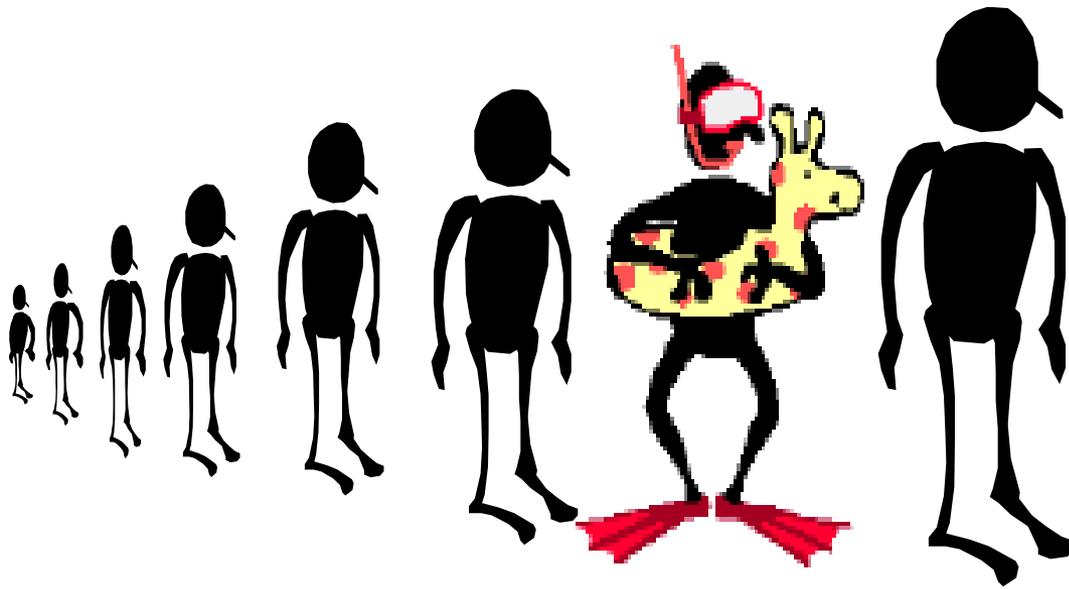
Skills employers value in Postgraduate students

- Plan and manage own time effectively
- Excellent communication, interpersonal and research skills
- Effective personal presentation and networking skills
- Ability to work independently
- Willingness to take on early responsibility
- Work well in teams
- Excellent analytical skills

How do employers view postgraduates?

- Employers do not normally have a separate recruitment strategy for postgraduates
- If the job you want needs a postgraduate degree
 - then everyone else who is being considered will also have a postgraduate degree
- If the job doesn't need postgraduate degree
 - then just the fact that you have a PG qualification won't necessarily give you an advantage

How can you make sure you stand out?



Employers want more.....

- Teamwork
- Problem Solving
- Flexibility
- Drive
- Innovation
- Presentation
- IT literacy
- Report Writing
- Analytical
- Networking
- Time Management
- Organisational
- Commercial awareness
- Leadership
- Languages

Ideas!

- Lead or organise something - student or community group, postgraduate conference
- Gain relevant work experience
- Be a mentor - or get a mentor
- Volunteer
- Present your work as widely as possible
- Network, network, network!
- Teach
- Develop your web presence

Collect Evidence

- Evidence needs to be **recent**
- Evidence needs to reflect a balance between **involvement with others** and the ability to **work alone** without direction



The Careers Service & Postgrads

- Specialist service for over 13 years
- Careers specialists trained to support postgrads
- Specialist events and workshops for postgrads
- Careers materials just for postgrads



Access to Employers

- Largest programme of graduate fairs in the UK
 - over 480 exhibitors each year



- Presentations and workshops each Autumn



- Web events with international recruiters – web chats, forums, video conferences with Japan, China, Africa, Asia...

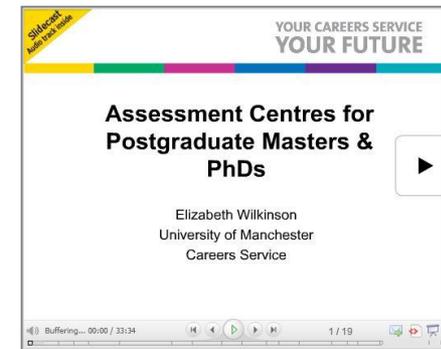
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Instant Updates - Twitter
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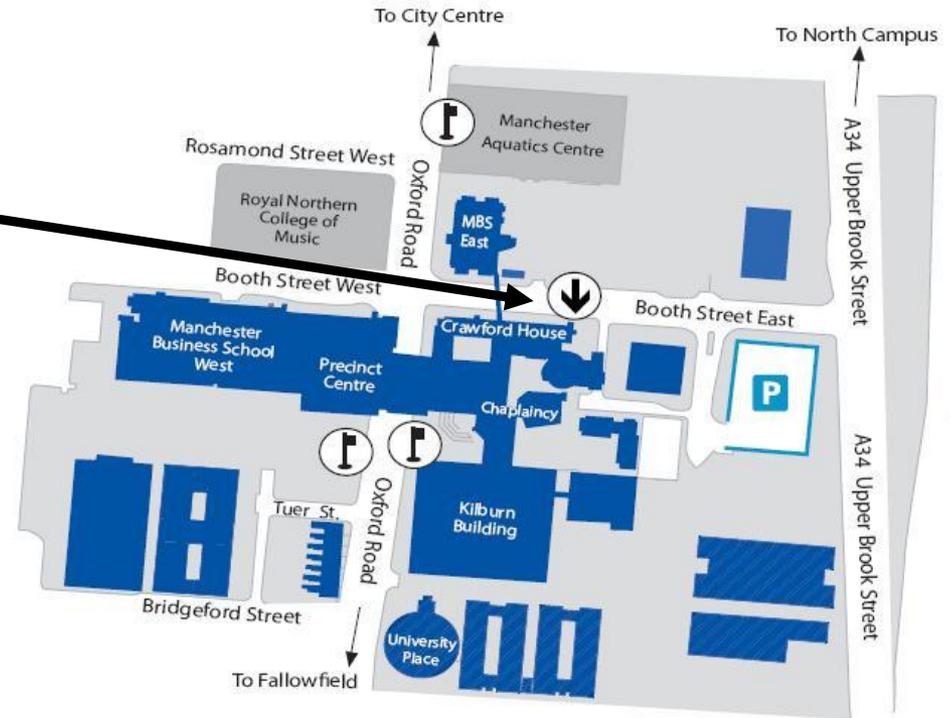


Essential Guide to Careers for Postgraduates - slidecasts

Where can I find you?

**Crawford House –
Entrance** 
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(opposite the Aquatics Centre)

**Appointments
Phone : 0161 275 2829**



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