

Developing Successful Postgrads

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Agenda

- Introduction
- What skills are you developing?
- How to enhance your CV (use your PDP)
- What additional support do you feel will help with this?



Introduction

- Senior lecturer in MBS
- Programme director for two MSc programmes
- Worked in industry for 15 years before returning to academia
- Quickly introduce yourselves to the other people on your table



The Session is About... (You)

- Making the most out of university and being a student
- Increasing your awareness
- Building upon your existing skills and developing new ones
- Developing and implementing action plans for you



What skills are you developing?

- Group task:
In your group, spend 5 minutes discussing what skills you feel you are developing and feedback to the whole group (elect a spokesperson)
- What are they? (We will go round the groups taking one point at a time)



Skills Needed

- Information handling
- Time management
- Conceptual and analytical skills
- Communication and presentation
- Using IT



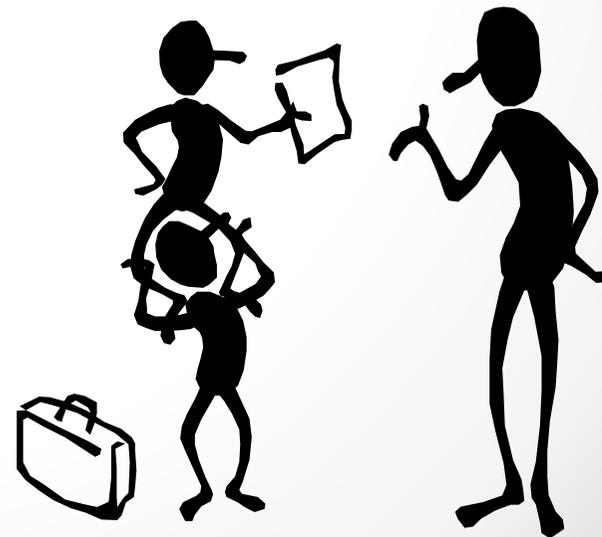
More Skills

- Teamwork
- Leadership/initiative
- Negotiation/
assertiveness
- Numeracy
- Problem solving
- Career management



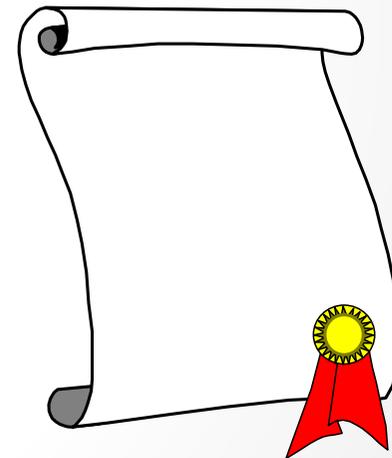
Self Awareness

- Willing to seek feedback
- Able to give constructive criticism
- Able to identify areas for personal, academic and professional development



Collect Your Evidence

- Develop a portfolio, engage with the PDP system and the careers office (USE BOTH OF THESE TO ENHANCE YOUR SKILLS)
- Keep evidence, such as:
 - Copies of results
 - Certificates from additional courses
 - Evidence from work experience



What Types of Support are Needed?



- Again in your groups, spend 15 minutes discussing what forms of support you feel you need
- Feedback to the group

It's in Your Hands

- Track down, read, understand and manage your information
- Be systematic
- Be flexible and creative
- Communicate clearly
- Reflect on what you have done

Making the Most Out of Postgraduate Life

- A journey not a blueprint
- Exploring the learning environment
- Understanding yourself
- Being open minded
- Experimenting with different ways of learning and working
- Developing as a person
- Developing and utilizing a network

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