

BSc (Hons) Psychology with Professional Placement



A new pathway for psychology graduates

In 2016/7 we are introducing a BSc (Hons) Psychology with Professional Placement degree. This degree will allow students between their second and final year to undertake a 12 month paid work placement. The student will be contracted to an organisation and paid an agreed salary rate (approx. £14k for 2015-16).

Why now?

The Insight Programme currently spans all three years of our BSc (Hons) Psychology degree and provides the students with a modular approach to increasing their employability. Both employers and students have requested the addition of a placement-year and we seek to grow these opportunities year on year.

"A work placement would be useful for gaining experience and knowledge of how psychology is applied in the real world"

"I would enjoy time out of study to put into action what I have learnt, and then be able to do the same when I return to university with what I have learnt from the workplace!"

What are the benefits?

Taking a Psychology undergraduate placement student provides:

- A cost effective fixed term resource that is motivated and brings new knowledge and skills to an organisation
- An increase in productivity
- An opportunity to assess potential for future graduate recruitment without obligation

Psychology transferrable skills:

Understanding of human behavior

Research Skills

Analytic Skills

Problem Solving

Interpersonal Skills

Communication Skills

And for the student...

- Valuable work experience and an opportunity to apply psychological skills and theory
- An insight into a particular career or industry sector
- Creation of a network of industry contacts

How can you help?

- Approve a business case and job role for the placement within your organisation
- Provide a 12 month full-time contract to a student salaried at the UK minimum wage (or higher)
- Mentor the student during their time, maximising opportunities for personal development
- Engage with our Placement team to agree appropriate objectives that can be assessed as part of the degree programme
- Attend placement visit and end-of-year presentations

Indicative Timeline:

Date	Activity
December	Agreement in principle for placement
April - July	Recruitment campaign
July - September	Placement begins

An employer's perspective - Psychology placement in Axiom

Axiom, a recognised leader in the business of law, is the world's largest and fastest growing non-traditional provider of legal services.

Why did they get involved?

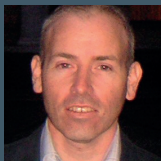
"One of Axiom's core values is embracing new ideas and diverse skill sets, as a law firm, it stood out to us that bringing on a student from a Psychology background could bring fresh ideas and technical skill sets to our office. Our first impressions of our placement student were extremely positive."

What did the placement student do?

"Conall was tasked with developing business operations process through external review and requirements gathering and applying the information to our internal IT systems. Conall approached his work with a methodical and evidence-based approach that is so often lacking in the business sector. Working alongside a Psychology student also greatly broadened our insight into the application of Psychology more directly in the workplace.

Conall greatly contributed to the company during his time with us, his research and analytical skills plugged a real skills gap in our department and allowed us to gain major ground in completing company objectives that without his assistance would no doubt not have been addressed in such an efficient and timely manner".

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