



# Employed on Campus 2018 Internship Case Study

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## What was your internship?

Student Employment Research Intern, The Careers Service

## Description of your role and responsibilities

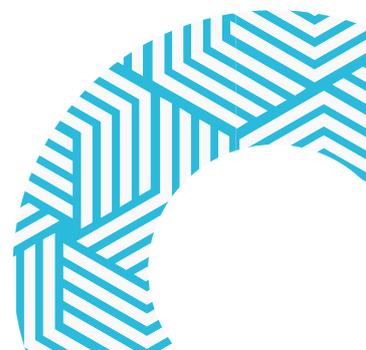
I undertook a project with the University's Careers Service looking at the impact of employment on PGT students' experiences. The main aim of this was to establish at what point (if any) a detrimental impact manifested, and what more could be done to support employed PGT students in the future. The research project involved conducting preliminary research (benchmarking and a literature review), qualitative research (a focus group and interview), quantitative research (designing a survey) and subsequent analysis.

## What interested you in this specific role?

I was interested in working with the Careers Service on a project like this as it took some of the learning from my degree so far and allowed me to apply it in a 'real world' situation. I was interested in trying out research to see if it was a potential career path I would consider, and also liked the idea of working on something that would hopefully have a tangible positive impact on students.

## How have you benefited from this experience?

I have benefited a lot from this experience in my opinion. My confidence in the sort of work I undertook (the research processes) has increased dramatically, and also helped me realise that what I have learnt at university will be useful after graduating, even if I don't work in a job that specifically relates to my degree areas. I also have really enjoyed the experience of working in a professional environment, especially one as welcoming and friendly as the Careers Service. This has definitely boosted my confidence in how capable I will be in a job once I graduate, and increased my enthusiasm for moving into one.





## **What advice would you give to future interns?**

I would advise future interns to really make the most of their opportunity by putting their all into whatever they are working on, asking as many questions as they feel they need to and taking advantage of the knowledge their colleagues can offer them. I'd also say to make sure they remember the things they've worked on (particularly if they have any hurdles they overcome) so they can use them to their advantage in interviews and challenges later on in their career development.

