

Your Careers & Employability Support

A Life Sciences Focus

At Careers & Employability, students are at the heart of everything we do, so much so that we have a dedicated faculty team to support life sciences students at every stage of your journey. We are committed to the University's vision of supporting students to become creative and culturally rich graduates, with the capacity to find employment that will enable them to be agents for change in a connected world. We work closely with our life sciences academic partners to ensure employability is at the heart of your student experience.

Our Approach

We know that employability is not just about 'getting a job', rather an ever-changing set of experiences, achievements, skill sets and values that is unique to you – your employability story! Data from the Department of Education shows students who engage in understanding and enhancing their own employability early on are most likely to be successful in securing the graduate job or post graduate opportunity they want. We can support you on this journey in different ways.



Virtual Career Studio

<https://www.liverpool.ac.uk/careers/virtual-career-studio/>

The Career Studio is our central support offer to all students, currently virtual via Zoom Monday- Friday from 11am- 2pm. It is an informal space, led by students, for students, empowered by career experts. There is no appointment needed, you can drop-in virtually to speak to a career coach at a time that suits, with coaches waiting online to help you to 'Explore, Connect, and Apply'. Students use the Studio for many reasons, and you can too! Drop in to co-explore what you can do with your life sciences degree, get your CV checked, develop your online profile, or learn about how you can connect with employers to expand your network and career related knowledge.



"I am a Tropical Disease Biology Life Sciences student and a current Career Coach and would recommend that if you are a life sciences student you should use the career studio to help with all aspects of your career journey. From exploring career options to making connections and applying for roles, the career coaches are ready to help."

Helen Elsworth, Tropical Disease Biology Undergraduate



Handshake

<https://liverpool.joinhandshake.co.uk/login>

Handshake is the new online careers and employability platform connecting students, the careers and employability team and employers in one space. There are a range of benefits to logging on and developing your Handshake profile.

You will find life sciences related job opportunities on Handshake at undergraduate, graduate and post graduate level, and a wide variety of resources including 'Finding Life Sciences Related Work Experience' and '10 Steps to Choosing a Career'. You can connect with employers and other students that align to your interests. Log in with your university email address to complete your profile and access these careers resources, exclusive online events, and to start searching for graduate job opportunities.



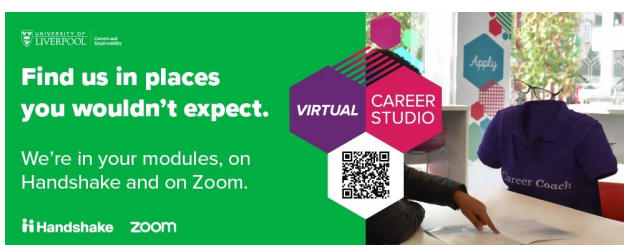
Embedding Employability & Employer Connections

<https://liverpool.instructure.com/courses/28665>

Careers & Employability work with academics to embed employability across modules within your specific programmes. This means that within your course you are enhancing your self-awareness, developing key employability skills and learning how to articulate your strengths in the recruitment process. We use up to date life sciences graduate employment data within the Life Sciences 2030 Skills Strategy and work closely with employers to create, deliver, and provide content to support student development.

Our dedicated Employer Connections Team <https://www.liverpool.ac.uk/careers/employer-connections/student-zone/>, brought 43 employers to connect with students

digitally as part of Life Sciences Employability Week and within module activity. We have had lectures from Hannah Randles, Health and Life Sciences Champion for the Liverpool city region and a variety of employers talking about the importance of commercial awareness for the life sciences as part of a key skills module (Life223) assessment. These employers range from large multi-national organisations such as GSK, to small local enterprises seeking to develop and attract UoL life sciences students. Much of this content is available for all life sciences students to access within the Health and Life Sciences employability CANVAS page.

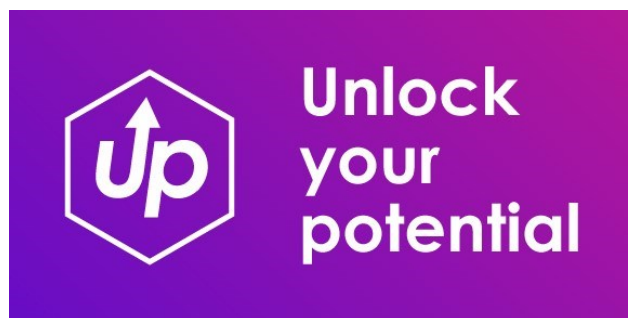


Enterprise & Skills Enhancement – Building Digital Fluency

With a focus on connecting students with the best technology out there, we have a variety of skills enhancement opportunities and programmes to support you in your career development:

- **Design Your Future** – an online community with resources, events, and workshops designed for students looking to start a new enterprise or build entrepreneurial skills. <https://www.liverpool.ac.uk/careers/enterprise/>
- **CV360** – upload your CV for instant feedback and advice on how to improve it. <https://ulms.careercentre.me/Members>
- **ShortListMe** – practice video interviews with instant AI reviews, and the option for feedback from a Career Coach. <https://go.shortlister.com/marketplace/uniofliverpool>
- **LinkedIn Learning** - learn in-demand skills with online expert-led video tutorials. <https://libguides.liverpool.ac.uk/online/linkedinlearning>
- **Graduates First** – practice online tests and get exclusive insights into employer recruitment stages. <https://www.graduatesfirst.com/university-career-services/liverpool/>

Unlock Your Potential (UP) – Levelling the playing field for students.



<https://news.liverpool.ac.uk/2020/10/15/sign-up-for-additional-careers-employability-support/>

We know that all students face challenges as they plan for their future. We also know that for some of our students, there are additional challenges that can make this process even more difficult.

Our new UP initiative aims to level the playing field in as many ways as we can. Through a range of job and internship opportunities, exclusive career events, personalised support and a unique set of resources and tools, we hope to equip you with the skills, connections, and confidence to be successful.

You can also apply for our £300 Employability Support Award. These funds could be put towards many things that will enhance your employability, such as royal society student membership fees, conference/events tickets or help towards securing and maintaining internships/ placements and work experience that are not a compulsory part of your course or module.

All eligible undergraduate students* can sign up to the UP programme. **Eligible students include; recipients of University of Liverpool bursaries, those with disrupted education (including Care Experience, Young Carers, Estranged, and Asylum Seekers/Refugees), students who are BAME, LGBTQ+, disabled, mature, and those from areas where participation in higher education is low.*

“I was put in touch with the Unlock Your Potential Programme through the young carers team at the university. Jenny has kept in touch with me throughout my undergraduate degree and still after graduation. Without this support I would not have got as far as I have with my applications for dentistry and we continue to work together to explore the next stage of my career.”

Joseph Ennis, Human Anatomy Graduate



“The Skills Enhancement Programme gave me the amazing opportunity to work within a small group to plan and manage all aspects of a virtual fundraiser whilst developing skills I wouldn't have developed in science-based experiences such as creativity and digital skills. Communicating and collaborating with the employer also developed my networking skills and confidence.”

Phoebe Malin, MBiolSci Biological and Biomedical Sciences Undergraduate