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Careers and
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GRADUATE Career Guide

A handbook to help you
take your next steps





The **support has been fantastic!**
I have attended workshops that have
increased my confidence

My CV is **much-improved** thanks to
the advice I was given, and I was able
to **secure a 3 month internship**

Thanks to the support, I now have a
job in my field of interest



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GRADUATE SUPPORT

Graduation is an exciting and important milestone for everyone, yet it can also be a challenging time working out your next steps and applying for jobs and other opportunities.

We are fully committed to helping you find success in making the transition into a graduate career and will continue to be available to you for up to three years following graduation.

It does not matter where you are on the journey, we cover career planning, job seeking and application skills, as well as a range of other topics to help you develop your employability through:

- ▶ **One-to-one appointments (in-person or online)**
 - ▶ **Workshops and webinars**
 - ▶ **Access to a wide range of different resources**



WHAT NEXT?

All you need to do to continue or reconnect with us as a Graduate is to activate your Graduate account with CareerConnect by setting up a password.

Use the QR code and enter the **personal email address** you provided to Bangor University prior to your graduation.



careerconnect.bangor.ac.uk/unauth/graduate/forgotten-password



GRADUATE JOB SEARCHING?

We're here to help!

If you're searching for your first graduate job, make sure you check out **CareerConnect**.

This online job search service is available to all Bangor University graduates and advertises a range of opportunities for current, local and international jobs. Activate your Graduate account as previously described and update your profile to reflect your areas of interest and preferred locations.



By registering with **CareerConnect** you will also have full access to all of our graduate resources.



SKILLS ON DEMAND

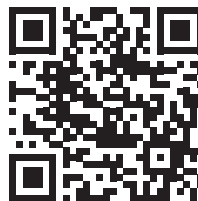
Develop your professional skills and employability,
with our 30 minute on-demand videos.

Simply log into your **CareerConnect** account and look for
the Videos, which can be found behind the Resources tab.

Topics include:

- ▶ Think Like a Recruiter
- ▶ The Importance of Commercial Awareness
- ▶ A Guide to Personal Branding
- ▶ How to Ace an Assessment Centre
- ▶ Time Management and Personal Effectiveness
- ▶ Networking

And many more
careerconnect.bangor.ac.uk



HELP WITH YOUR CV

As a Graduate of Bangor University, you have exclusive access to CareerSet, which provides instant feedback on your CV, helps you identify key words and increases your chances of success when applying for jobs.

- ▶ **Score My CV:** AI-powered CV scoring and personalised feedback related to Impact, Presentation and Style
- ▶ **Target My CV:** Actionable feedback on tailoring a CV to a specific job description, based on keywords and skills
- ▶ **Cover Letter Feedback:** Professional cover letter feedback and tailoring advice, including soft skills



Visit **careerset.com/bangor** and sign up with your personal email address by clicking on 'Alumni sign up' and entering the code "**BANGORGRAD**"

Of course, you can also book an appointment with an adviser for feedback on your CV and applications.



careerset.com/bangor

Career **Set**

RECRUITMENT ASSESSMENTS AND INTERVIEW PRACTICE

As a Bangor Graduate, we can give you free access to Graduates First, a platform that gives you the chance to practice industry leading aptitude tests, undertake video interview simulation and complete numerical and reasoning tests which will help you be prepared for your next interview.

You can access it via the QR code below. You will need a personal login, just email your request to **graduatesupport@bangor.ac.uk**

We can also offer mock interviews and assessment centre overview sessions.



graduatesfirst.com/university-career-services/bangor



THINKING OF POSTGRADUATE STUDY?

There is plenty of support
available if you are considering
postgraduate study as an option.

We can talk through the options and
help you with your applications.

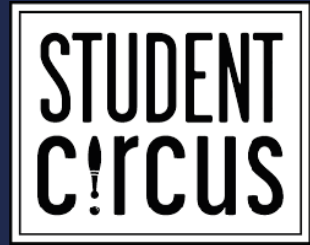
We offer a wide range of options here at Bangor:
bangor.ac.uk/study/postgraduate



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INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS: KICKSTART YOUR JOB SEARCH IN THE UK



As an international student in the UK, finding a Skilled Worker Visa job can be very time consuming, as it involves filtering through job listings to find opportunities with employers which will sponsor a Skilled Worker Visa. We have partnered with Student Circus to make it easy for you!

Register to search for jobs and internships using the QR code below:



bit.ly/3NmJRT4

GET LinkedIn

LinkedIn is an online tool for professional networking, keeping up to date with current industry trends and finding job opportunities. It's also a great way of keeping in touch with your course friends and academic staff.

When applying for jobs, it's important to have a professional digital footprint, and creating a LinkedIn profile is a great place to start (making sure your other social media accounts are either private or professional is also very important). Join our group Bangor University Employability to stay up to date with our employability news.

Take a look at this article for hints on how to optimise your account:

nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/careers-advice/create-a-linkedin-profile



B-ENTERPRISING

There is plenty of support and activities to help graduates improve their enterprise and employability skills.

**Do you have a business idea?
Start-up Support is available!**



Our business mentor can provide free one-to-one confidential support & help you access financial bursaries. Book an appointment by emailing us: [**b-enterprising@bangor.ac.uk**](mailto:b-enterprising@bangor.ac.uk)

Workshops & Events

Develop your enterprise skills and have fun at the same time! Topics include Networking, How to Freelance or be a Consultant, Commercial Awareness & more.





I contacted B-Enterprising to start my entrepreneurial journey. Thanks to the continuous support I was able to start a partnership with a colleague from University, and more recently open a limited company.



[bangor.ac.uk/skills-and-employability /b-enterprising-team.php.en](http://bangor.ac.uk/skills-and-employability/b-enterprising-team.php.en)



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BE' NESA' PODCAST

Not sure what to do next? Be' Nesa' (which translates to What next) is a podcast from the Careers and Employability Service.

You can listen in various places, including The Employability hub, Acast, Spotify, Deezer, Amazon Music and Jiosaavn



[shows.acast.com/
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WHERE WILL YOUR QUALIFICATION TAKE YOU?

Tell us about it!

15 months following the end of your course you will be contacted and asked to complete the Graduate Outcomes survey. This is the biggest UK annual social survey and captures the perspectives and current status of recent graduates.

Why should you complete the survey?

The survey aims to help current and future students gain an insight into potential career destinations and opportunities. Your valuable responses will also help us to evaluate our courses and the results also inform higher education policy. Your information is anonymised and will remain secure and confidential at all stages of the survey.



How will I do it?

You will be contacted via an email from **bangor@graduateoutcomes.ac.uk** to ask you to complete the survey, and this may then be followed up with a text or phone call.

It takes about 10 minutes to complete the survey online, or a little longer if you are contacted to complete it over the phone.

Further information is available:
graduateoutcomes.ac.uk

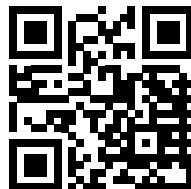


DEVELOPMENT & ALUMNI RELATIONS OFFICE

Bangor University has over 120,000 alumni based all over the world and after graduation you will automatically become part of this global network.

The Development and Alumni Relations team will help you to stay connected to your alma mater and to each other by sending monthly e-newsletters and to invite you to relevant reunions and events. Make sure we always have your current contact details by completing our online form **bangor.ac.uk/alumni**

Email: **alumni@bangor.ac.uk**



RETURNING TO BANGOR FOR A VISIT?

Why not arrange to come and speak to students about how life is treating you as a graduate in the 'real world'?

University alumni provide crucial, relevant and practical advice about:

- ▶ **Job hunting dos and don'ts**
- ▶ **What went well and what to avoid when applying for jobs**
- ▶ **Which skills you are using the most in your new role(s)**
- ▶ **What you would do differently if you started University again**

This could help you with your personal professional development, and also contribute to the sustainability of the University's reputation.

Contact us to find out more: **careers@bangor.ac.uk**





