

Brooklands College

A GUIDE TO CAREERS, WORK & INDUSTRY PLACEMENT

SUPPORTING YOUR COLLEGE JOURNEY





Brooklands College works with its students from the start of their course throughout the duration of their time at the college to access Careers, Work and Industry Placement advice.

Alongside the formal qualifications students receive Careers coaching and also support to gain a work or industry placement that maybe a requirement of your course. This ensures that our students are very focused on their progression path after Brooklands whether this be going onto University, onto an apprenticeship or starting their Career immediately after leaving college.

Careers Services

Brooklands College Careers Service enables all students to plan for their future, make informed decisions and learn what's out there in the world of education, employment and training. Our qualified Careers Advisers can help you with up-to-date information, advice and guidance on career paths and choices, and guide you in planning your next steps towards your future career goals.

To enhance your career prospects. We can help you:

- Gain employability skills and values
- Learn about volunteering opportunities
- Take part in mock interviews & provide you with handy interview techniques
- Use social media to find and apply for work
- Gain knowledge of the local jobs market
- Gain inspiration from master classes and visits from industry professionals
- Access online employability resources
- Make important decisions about your next steps
- Match you to the job of your dreams!

Contact us at [**careers@brooklands.ac.uk**](mailto:careers@brooklands.ac.uk)

Work and Industry Placement

What is the difference?

Work Placement

The majority of Brooklands College students will need to undertake work a week placement as part of their course, providing them with valuable industry insight and on-the-job experience. Typically this consists of 1-2 weeks work with a company. This is usually unpaid. Our team will be available to work with you and to support you in gaining a work placement, they will help you to work out what industry and companies you are interested in and make applications to companies. They will also work with you to ensure the placements you are applying for are relevant to your course.

We can be contacted on **work.placements@brooklands.ac.uk**

Industry Placement

Industry placements are much longer than work placements. Industry placements give you the chance to put into practice, over an extended period, what you have learned. A number of courses also require you to undertake an Industry Placement (they typically happen over a number of months). These are sometimes paid and sometimes unpaid. You will gain technical skills, be more ready for the world of work, and have connections in order to secure a job after your course.

The teams are based in the library, so feel free to come and see us when you join in September. They can give you all the information you need about work/industry placement.



7 benefits of Work Placement

- A taste of working life
- Industry experience and commercial awareness
- Confidence and interpersonal skills
- Set yourself apart from other job seekers
- Technical skills
- References for your CV
- Stepping-stone into a longer placement or paid employment

How do Industry Placements work?

- Take part in a minimum 45-day placement, which is directly relevant to your course.
- This placement could be between 2 and 5 months working 2 to 4 days a week.
- You will have a log book which you and the employer will fill in together, this will enhance your CV skill set.
- You gain a Certificate, which will enhance your skill set on your CV.

If you choose to pursue an apprenticeship or go straight into work, we can help you to write your CV and link you to local employers. Brooklands students have gone on to develop careers in a wide range of well-known companies including, West Surrey Racing, Fortem, Virgin Atlantic, Mercedes Benz World and Elmbridge Borough Council.