



## Futures Connect Work Experience Opportunities

In the interest of our students and encouraging social mobility, we endeavour to ensure that all work placement opportunities are paid. Please bear in mind that students will be undertaking work experience alongside their academic commitments.

Opportunity	Duration (guideline)	Paid / Unpaid	Description
<b>Insights</b> A collaborative partnership of “learning and doing”, allowing students to gain an insight into your organisation/industry.	35 to 70 hours	Unpaid	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Opportunities suitable for students at all levels of study.</li> <li>- 1-2 weeks full time or 35- 70 hours flexibly set up around the student’s timetable.</li> <li>- An expectation of learning and doing, with expenses subsidised by the employer (eg.travel and lunch).</li> <li>- Can be utilised as an extended interview or induction, with a view to offering a paid position in the future.</li> </ul>
<b>Internships</b> A chance for our students and graduates to use their specialist skills and knowledge gained from their academic studies and to apply them to a specific project or role within your organisation.	Up to 12 weeks	Paid	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Opportunities suitable for students at all levels and/or graduates.</li> <li>- Part-time options available during term-time or full-time during summer/upon graduation.</li> <li>- Allow you the chance to see if a student would be suitable for a long-term opportunity e.g. graduate placement or Professional Placement Year (PPY).</li> <li>- Must be at least National Minimum Wage compliant. <a href="https://www.gov.uk/national-minimum-wage-rates">https://www.gov.uk/national-minimum-wage-rates</a></li> </ul>
<b>School Employability Modules</b> These academic modules include work experience placements.	Variable (anything from one week)	Paid / Unpaid	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- For students within certain Academic Schools (ask for more details).</li> <li>- Usually take place from Feb – May in the students’ 2<sup>nd</sup> year of study.</li> <li>- Cardiff Business School’s full-time Integrated Placements last 5 months (more information is available upon request).</li> </ul>
<b>Professional Placement Year (PPY) / Year in Industry / Sandwich Placement</b> Undertaken by students who have selected an additional year as part of their degree.	30 weeks minimum	Paid	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Credit-bearing opportunities taken during penultimate year of study which meet defined learning outcomes.</li> <li>- Allow you to bring in specialist knowledge from a particular academic discipline or to engage with students across a range of Academic Schools (ask the Futures Connect Team for more information on our course portfolio).</li> <li>- A great opportunity to headhunt future talent and recruit new graduates.</li> </ul>
<b>Languages for Business</b> An opportunity for our EU and international students to support you with translation/interpretation, overseas market research, cultural awareness and engaging local and international communities.	Up to 70 hours (unpaid) or up to 12 weeks (paid)	Paid / Unpaid	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- International and EU Students at all levels of study can offer key skills in specific areas. (eg. International languages, cultural understanding of overseas business practices, insight into new markets.)</li> <li>- Support on bespoke projects, business development and specialist areas.</li> <li>- 3<sup>rd</sup> and public sector organisations can benefit from support with research projects and community engagement.</li> </ul>
<b>Student Consultancy</b> Students work in small groups to support your organisation with bespoke projects, research, business development and areas that require a high degree of specialist expertise.	Up to 70 hours (unpaid) or up to 12 weeks (paid)	Paid / Unpaid	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Live business projects for which a group of enthusiastic and creative students can bring the most up to date academic knowledge and research methodologies into your organisation.</li> <li>- A great opportunity to work with a variety of students from our diverse Academic Schools who can bring their specialist skills and knowledge to the project brief.</li> </ul>

Please get in touch with the Futures Connect Team by emailing [workexperience@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:workexperience@cardiff.ac.uk) if you require any further information about any of our schemes.