YOUR CAREER JOURNEY

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# POSTGRADUATE TAUGHT

Make the most of support and resources available to plan your next steps and make good quality applications.

## SEMESTER 1

### Research your options

1 Join the [University of York Students’ Union](https://yorksu.org/) community. Attend Welcome Week activities to explore your opportunities.

2 Log into [Handshake](https://york.joinhandshake.co.uk/login) for job alerts and events and set up your profile.

3 Use the [careers website](https://www.york.ac.uk/students/work-volunteering-careers/) to start researching career options after your Masters.

4 Attend [events and workshops](https://www.york.ac.uk/students/work-volunteering-careers/events/) to find out about employers and explore opportunities.

5 Look out for careers panel events and workshops specifically for [postgraduate students](https://www.york.ac.uk/students/work-volunteering-careers/careers-resources/taught-postgraduates/), including applying for a PhD, to help you plan your future career.

6 International students studying in York: [Explore](https://www.york.ac.uk/students/work-volunteering-careers/options/) options for working in the UK, during or after your studies, including visa requirements, and advice on returning to your home country.

### Make strong applications and prepare for recruitment processes

1 Research [recruitment processes](https://www.york.ac.uk/students/work-volunteering-careers/apply-interview/) and understand the assessment methods employers are using. Practise with our resources.

2 Market yourself! Update your [CV](https://www.york.ac.uk/students/work-volunteering-careers/apply-interview/application-forms/) and LinkedIn profile and start [networking](https://www.york.ac.uk/students/work-volunteering-careers/apply-interview/looking-for-work/networking/) online.

3 Check closing dates and apply for UK [graduate recruitment](https://www.york.ac.uk/students/work-volunteering-careers/apply-interview/looking-for-work/graduate-jobs/) schemes if these fit your course completion date.

4 Explore [PhD opportunities](https://www.york.ac.uk/students/work-volunteering-careers/options/further-study/) or further study for after your programme.

### Academic and personal development

1 Explore academic and personal development opportunities through the [Academic Skills Community](https://www.york.ac.uk/students/studying/skills/community/) (ASC).

2 Build work experience through [University volunteering and enterprise](https://www.york.ac.uk/students/work-volunteering-careers/skills/).

3 Consider [part time work or an internship](https://www.york.ac.uk/students/work-volunteering-careers/apply-interview/looking-for-work/). Check with your supervisor about time commitment.

4 International students studying in York: [Check your visa](https://www.ukcisa.org.uk/Information--Advice/Working/Student-work) for how many hours you can work while studying.

5 Complete [York Strengths Online](https://www.york.ac.uk/students/work-volunteering-careers/skills/development-programmes/york-strengths/online/) to explore your personal strengths and consider these in relation to your career plans and applications.

6 Explore [York Award](https://www.york.ac.uk/students/work-volunteering-careers/skills/development-programmes/york-award/) and understand what you need to do to be able to apply at the end of your degree.

7 Stay supported - Use [Talk Campus](https://www.york.ac.uk/students/health/help/247support/) and University [wellbeing](https://www.york.ac.uk/students/health/wellbeing/) resources

## SEMESTER 2

### Research your options

1 Continue to use [online resources](https://www.york.ac.uk/students/work-volunteering-careers/) to plan your next steps.

2 Book a [careers appointment](https://www.york.ac.uk/students/work-volunteering-careers/about/appointments/) if you need further help.

3 Look out for events from the Asia Career Insights Series for international students.

4 Explore [enterprise](https://www.york.ac.uk/students/work-volunteering-careers/skills/enterprise/), freelance and portfolio ways of working.

5 Get a mentor from [York Profiles and Mentors](https://www.york.ac.uk/services/careers/app/profiles2/?) - may be someone from the country or sector you want to work in?

6 Listen to our [podcast](https://www.york.ac.uk/students/work-volunteering-careers/options/career-ideas/podcast/), What Do You Actually Do?, to find out what different careers are actually like.

7 Engage with careers events and [workshops](https://www.york.ac.uk/students/work-volunteering-careers/events/), including those specifically for taught postgraduates.

8 Check out [Working in Research resources](https://www.york.ac.uk/students/work-volunteering-careers/options/sectors/research/) and attend our panel Q&A event.

9 Global Careers - take a look at the [international](https://www.york.ac.uk/students/work-volunteering-careers/apply-interview/looking-for-work/international-work/) picture.

10 International student studying in York: Explore [visa options](https://ukcisa.org.uk/) if wishing to stay in the UK.

11 Continue to get [support](https://www.york.ac.uk/students/work-volunteering-careers/alumni/) from Careers and Placements after you’ve completed your programme.

### Make strong applications and prepare for recruitment processes

1 Use the [Careers and Placements website](https://www.york.ac.uk/students/work-volunteering-careers/), self-help resources ([CVs](https://www.york.ac.uk/students/work-volunteering-careers/apply-interview/application-forms/) and [interviews](https://www.york.ac.uk/students/work-volunteering-careers/apply-interview/interviews/)) and [1-1 support](https://www.york.ac.uk/students/work-volunteering-careers/about/appointments/).

2 Update your [CV](https://www.york.ac.uk/students/work-volunteering-careers/apply-interview/application-forms/) and LinkedIn profile to apply for graduate and summer opportunities.

3 Apply for [graduate jobs](https://www.york.ac.uk/students/work-volunteering-careers/apply-interview/looking-for-work/graduate-jobs/) or further study after your programme.

### Academic and personal development

1 Check the [events](https://york.joinhandshake.co.uk/edu) programme for careers workshops and the summer jobs fair.

2 Talk to your supervisor - consider if you have time to gain additional [experience](https://www.york.ac.uk/students/work-volunteering-careers/skills/internship-placement/) this summer.

3 Complete [York Strengths Online](https://www.york.ac.uk/students/work-volunteering-careers/skills/development-programmes/york-strengths/online/) if not done so already.

4 Apply for [York Award](https://www.york.ac.uk/students/work-volunteering-careers/skills/development-programmes/york-award/), a certificate of the University that recognises personal and professional development.

5 After graduation participate in [York for Life](https://www.york.ac.uk/alumni/) activities and events - check for [groups](https://www.york.ac.uk/alumni/groups/) in the UK and around the world.

By the end of your Taught Masters programme you’ll:

Have updated your CV and tailored it to your chosen work/study area.

**How to do it:** [york.ac.uk/careers/applications](http://york.ac.uk/careers/applications)

Have used the careers website to understand your options..

**How to do it:** [york.ac.uk/careers/ideas](http://york.ac.uk/careers/ideas)

Have developed a better understanding of your strengths, skills and experience through York Strengths and York Award.

**How to do it:** [york.ac.uk/york-strengths](http://york.ac.uk/york-strengths) and [york.ac.uk/careers/yorkaward](http://york.ac.uk/careers/yorkaward)

Be able to articulate what skills, experience and knowledge you have gained through postgraduate study.

**How to do it:** [york.ac.uk/careers/postgraduate](http://york.ac.uk/careers/postgraduate)

Have an understanding of recruitment processes and how to succeed in applications, interviews and assessment centres.

**How to do it:** [york.ac.uk/graduate-jobs](http://york.ac.uk/graduate-jobs) and[york.ac.uk/careers/applications](http://york.ac.uk/careers/applications)

Know where to find 1-1 support if you need help to develop or progress your career plans.

**How to do it:** [york.ac.uk/careers/advice](http://york.ac.uk/careers/advice)

Get inspiration from other York graduates

**How to do it:** [york.ac.uk/careers/profiles](http://york.ac.uk/careers/profiles)