

Coronavirus (COVID-19): Work Experience Programmes

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As we are sure you will appreciate, we are currently in an unprecedented situation with the ongoing restrictions relating to COVID-19, which has significantly affected our programmes. We appreciate that these circumstances may be giving you cause for concern and we are aiming to do everything possible to support you. Therefore, we have put together advice and guidance that relates to all Work Experience Programmes which you may find helpful:

UoS Internships

1. UoS Internships continue to be available throughout the academic year. We will be advertising a number of internships that can be completed remotely or in a COVID safe environment, **through MyCareer**.
2. Please ensure that you seek guidance from your employer on safe working practices during this pandemic, which may include the option of working remotely.
3. At any point during your internship, if you have concerns about your working environment you can withdraw, but you will be required to notify your employer as well as the Work Experience Team.

Year in Employment Placements

1. Year in Employment Placements for 2020/21 continue to take place with adjusted working practices as agreed with employers.
2. **The minimum requirement for the Year in Employment for 2020/21 remains at 30 weeks (excluding annual leave and sickness).** However, if your employment is postponed (due to COVID-19) prior to completing the minimum number of weeks, please contact the Work Experience Team as this may be subject to the 'Special Considerations' process.
3. Students interested in completing a Year in Employment Placement during the academic year 2021/22 are encouraged to continue to make plans with the support of the Work Experience Team (workexp@soton.ac.uk) However, you will be required to adhere to Government guidelines and any UoS restrictions that may be in place at the time of travel.

University of Southampton has taken the difficult decision to suspend all physical international mobility for Semester 1 2020 - 2021 due to the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. This decision applies to international Year in Employment Placements

Student Innovation Projects

1. Semester 2 opportunities are currently being advertised through **MyCareer** where students will complete projects virtually.

The Work Experience Team is committed to supporting you and will remain contactable through email at workexp@southampton.ac.uk