What we do

We help you achieve career success. Whether you wish to work in law or another field, we help you explore your options and make successful applications. This brochure provides a taste of the programmes, fairs and events available to you.

Meet your careers specialists
Helen Lovegrove and Kiren Gui are legal specialist and generalist Careers Consultants. With over 20 years’ experience providing law and non-law careers advice, they are friendly faces to turn to when you’re looking to discover your options, focus your ideas, or put them into action.

As a student of The Dickson Poon School of Law, you will be able to benefit from their expertise, as well as the wider team of Careers Consultants and Application Advisers.

Application Advice
This 20-minute appointment with an Application Adviser will allow you to receive feedback on your CVs, cover letters and job applications, to help ensure that they are tailored to your employer of choice.
Book via King’s CareerConnect.

Careers Guidance
This 20-minute appointment with a Careers Consultant can be used as a starting point for your career search. It doesn’t matter if you feel completely unsure, or aren’t even clear what a careers discussion can do for you - come and see us anyway!
Book via King’s CareerConnect.

Practice Interview
This 60-minute session will help you prepare for an actual interview. A Careers Consultant will ask you job specific questions, before providing you with feedback on your interview style and performance.
Book via King’s CareerConnect.

King’s CareerConnect

If you’re looking for advice, a chance to meet employers and professionals, or jobs and internships, come and find out what we have to offer on King’s CareerConnect.

Whether you’re discovering what’s out there, focusing your ideas, or taking action on your career plan, you’ll find that King’s CareerConnect is designed to help you make the most of the opportunities and services we offer.

What can I access with King’s CareerConnect?
Once you’ve logged in and filled out a short profile, you can access our vacancy board to search for part-time work, placements, internships, and graduate-level opportunities from employers directly targeting King’s students and graduates. You can set your own preferences and save searches, to make sure you get notifications which match your needs and interests.

In addition to this, you can book one-to-one Careers Guidance appointments, Application Advice appointments, PhD & Research Staff appointments, and Practice Interviews. You can also view our events calendar and book your place at our careers fairs, employer presentations, seminars, skills workshops, and all our other events.

Visit King’s CareerConnect to create your profile and access our services: kcl.ac.uk/careerconnect

1. Log in using your King’s IT account
2. Set up your profile
3. Access all our services using the drop-down menus

“Hello! We want to help you find the future that’s right for you, so come and see us - we’d love to meet you!"

Kiren and Helen
Professional Futures

Mondays, 13.00 – 14.00, K4U.12, King’s Building, Strand Campus

Helen and Kiren have designed the following sessions based on students’ most frequently asked questions. Attending will help you make the most of your time when interacting with employers, and give you unique access to alumni in law and non-law careers.

Listed are the main events for those interested in legal careers: King’s Legal Week, King’s Law Fair, The Bar Council Pupillage Fair and the Human Rights Lawyers Association Careers Day. All students of The Dickson Poon School of Law are welcome to attend all the events below, but please note that two sessions are designed specifically for postgraduate students (LLM/MA).

24 Sep Careers Resources & Alumni Networking (LLM/MA focused)
01 Oct Work Experience & Internships (LLM/MA focused)
08 Oct Making the Most of the Law Fair/Routes to Qualification
15–19 Oct King’s Legal Week
22 Oct How to Differentiate Between Law Firms
23–25 Oct King’s Law Fair
27 Oct The Bar Council Pupillage Fair at King’s
05 Nov Commercial Awareness Demystified
10 Nov Human Rights Lawyers Association at King’s
12 Nov Applications for Jobs, Internships, Work Experience
19 Nov Interview Skills
26 Nov Preparing for Assessment Centres
03 Dec Pursuing a PhD – why do it and how to succeed
10 Dec How to Make the Most of Your Vacation Scheme

King’s Law Fair | 15–19 Oct | Strand Campus & Bush House
Discover the different types of lawyers and organisations that make up the legal profession. Find out what happens in different practices including crime, social welfare, family law, mergers & acquisitions, initial public offerings and more. Explore diversity at the Bar, and speak with alumni at informal events.

King’s Legal Week | 15–19 Oct | 12.30–15.30 Great Hall
Around 60 employers will be at King’s, hoping to attract you to their Vacation Schemes, Training Contracts and Pupillages. In addition to the highest profile international firms, meet Blackstone Chambers, Government Legal Service and the Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators.

The Bar Council Pupillage Fair | 27 Oct | 10.00–16.00 Bush House
The only fair run by the Bar, for the Bar of the future. With 60 pupillage providers, and over 150 barristers attending, this is your chance to engage with your potential future chambers.

Human Rights Lawyers Association Careers Day | 10 Nov | Strand Campus
Discover how to protect human rights in your choice of career (academia, solicitor, barrister, law centre, NGO, government solicitor, statutory authority and politician), or talk to practitioners in local, regional, national and international human rights practice.

Discover something different

Career choice involves three distinct stages: Discover, Focus and Action. Discovery includes research that takes you further than reading brochures and directories, bringing you into contact with employers who have a genuine interest in you and your success. You can then focus on the organisations and roles that are right for you, and take action by making applications that are interesting and relevant, thereby increasing your chances of success.

Discover Careers In...
The Discover Careers in... series focuses on those sectors King’s students are interested in: journalism, the public sector, international relations, government, film, TV & radio, international organisations, advertising & marketing, charities & NGOs, public sector consulting as well as banking and consultancy. Most employers welcome law students and the entry routes are many and varied. Often you will find lawyers or former lawyers speaking as panellists in this series. A full list can be found on King’s Careers Connect.

Non-Law Careers Fairs
In addition to the Discover Careers in... series, we bring you into contact with employers from a vast array of fields. Learn more about jobs you can pursue alongside your studies at our Part-Time Work Fair on the 25th September, and speak with employers such as HM Treasury, Deloitte and Bank of America Merrill Lynch at the Banking, Finance and Consultancy Fair on the 2nd October. Discover internships and graduate opportunities from an expansive diversity of sectors at the Career Options Fair on the 5th November.

The Law of Everyday Life
Attend this session on 17th October (during Legal Week) to hear from solicitors and barristers who specialise in social welfare, criminal law, housing, debt and similar issues affecting people in their everyday lives. Learn how they got in, the work they do, the clients they see, and the challenges facing practitioners. There are many marginalised, vulnerable people in need of legal help – find out what it takes to get into this specialism.
Stay ahead

KEATS: Law School Careers & Employability
Updated weekly, this is where you will find essential career-related tools: King’s Careers Kit - our comprehensive bank of information leaflets on a wide range of careers, RSS feeds to help you follow legal and business news, and Lecture Capture recordings and slides from the Professional Futures series and King’s Legal Week. We will send you a regular weekly (term-time) newsletter too! Click here for access.

Law Careers Facebook Page
Alongside our Kings Careers Facebook page, we also have a KingsLawCareers page. This is your daily go-to resource for news, jobs and events relevant to students of The Dickson Poon School of Law.

Get involved

Alumni Mentoring
- Benefit from the tailored support of a King’s Law School alumnus or alumna, who will help you to foster a positive university experience during your first year at King’s. Come to the first Professional Futures session on the 24th September to find out more about Alumni Mentoring.

KLPSA: King’s Leadership & Professional Skills Award
- An opportunity to develop your employability and deepen your knowledge of career options, learning how to communicate these skills in a careers context. To find out more about what you can do to earn the award, visit kcl.ac.uk/klpsa.

King’s Experience
- From awards given for experiential learning outside the formal curriculum, to grants of up to £1000 awarded to students who propose innovative projects to enhance the educational journey, King’s Experience has something for everyone. To see more, visit kcl.ac.uk/kingsexperience.

Entrepreneurship Institute
- No matter what career you have ahead of you, skills to innovate and to be entrepreneurial will be valuable. The Entrepreneurship Institute support people to have careers as entrepreneurs and start up innovative new businesses and social enterprises. To see more, visit kcl.ac.uk/entrepreneurship-institute.

I often think of you and our career chats - you inspired me to think outside the box beyond law, and I am forever grateful for your support and encouragement. You are the reason I am where I am!
Dara O’Toole Jeyasundaram, LLB, 2018

The whole year was excellent. I felt the events really put me ahead of the competition and increased my skills, knowledge, and most importantly, confidence.
Cezary Bicki, LLM, 2015
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