Careers support for international students

**KING’S CAREERS & EMPLOYABILITY**

King’s Careers & Employability is here to help all King’s students and graduates (for two years after graduation) who are looking for a job, work experience or internships, or wondering what to do after university. The services we provide include:

**Workshops**
We run a programme of workshops in King’s Careers & Employability that cover your entire journey from exploring potential careers to succeeding at interviews.

**One-to-one services**
We offer various services to help you steer your professional or academic future in the direction you want to go. You can book Careers Guidance appointments, Practice Interviews, or Application Advice appointments using King’s CareerConnect.

**Online learning and information resources**
We have over 100 different handouts which contain information and further reading on various sectors. We also have a series of handouts relating to career management skills, such as CVs and Interviews. Other online resources include:

- Our careers webpage for international students
- Our King’s Careers Hub on KEATS
- King’s Career Kit
- GoinGlobal, a resource with country guides and detailed information
- Prospects: Guides to Working Abroad
- TARGETJobs: Working Abroad
- Prepare2GetAhead, careers information for Chinese students
- GradLink UK, a careers site for international students

Email us at careers@kcl.ac.uk
Events
We hold hundreds of events every year to help you find out more about what sectors, careers, job opportunities and internships are available to you. You might find these events of particular interest:
- ‘Graduate Careers and Immigration Options for Tier 4 Students’, runs 3-4 times per year
- Future Advantage: International, a specific seminar series for our three largest cohorts of international students - Chinese, American, and French nationals
- Employer presentations: we host many presentations and virtual events hosting international employers seeking to hire our graduates
- Careers in China Networking Night, on campus each March

King’s Internships
Wherever you are on your journey, we can connect you with high quality internship opportunities that will help you discover what it means to work in a specific job or sector, focus your ideas by gaining work experiences, and develop key skills that are highly valued by employers. Use King’s CareerConnect to access these opportunities.

King’s Experience
The King’s Experience Awards and Undergraduate Research Fellowships provide opportunities to recognise and reward the activities you undertake alongside your academic studies, enhancing your learning and employability, and broadening your experience whilst studying at King’s.

We are not able to provide
- Proofreading and language support (seek support from friends, family and commercially-available services)
- Professional introductions (sign up for King’s Connect mentoring, ask academic staff and use LinkedIn)

Whatever stage of career planning you’re at, whether you’re Discovering what’s out there, Focusing your ideas, or taking Action on your career plan, every service we offer is designed to help you make progress.
King’s Careers & Employability is not authorised to give visa and immigration advice, but we aim to signpost you towards the most appropriate sources of help and advice.

The King’s Visas and International Student Advice (VISA) Team is authorised to give advice on Tier 4 visas, the most usual student visa for degree-level courses.

Immigration and visa advice
If you have a question about Tier 4 visas (e.g. how much you can work during your studies), do get in touch with an International Student Adviser, either via their online resources or in person, as appropriate.

The VISA Team’s advice guides can be found here: www.kcl.ac.uk/campuslife/services/student-advice-support/AGs/index.aspx, under the heading ‘Immigration and Visas’.

Visas for working in the UK after study
King’s webpages have a helpful section regarding working in the UK after studies and how to apply for visas. The most relevant visas are usually:

Tier 2 General
King’s Careers & Employability can provide advice on how to strengthen your job application and information about a wide range of employers who may be interested in employing King’s students (including international employers). The VISA team can advise on when Tier 4 students might be eligible to switch into Tier 2 and has a helpful Tier 2 advice guide on this topic.

If employers are unsure about how to sponsor international graduates, it may be helpful to show them this document, published by the Association of Graduate Careers Advisory Services (AGCAS), which outlines the processes involved. Neither the King’s Careers team nor the VISA team are authorised to legally advise on Tier 2 visa applications, nor on how employers can obtain a Tier 2 Sponsor Licence, aside from linking to the AGCAS guide. For help with any issues, you should seek specialist legal advice, through your Tier 2 sponsor (employer) or a lawyer who is regulated by the Office of the Immigration Services Commissioner (OISC).

Tier 5
There are a number of different types of Tier 5 visas, including the Government Authorised Exchange sub-category. Certain nationalities may also benefit from the Youth Mobility Scheme.

The VISA Team can provide initial information on these visa routes and how to apply, but are not authorised to give legal advice on checking applications for these routes. Instead, please refer to the OISC to find an authorised immigration adviser.

Email us at advice@kcl.ac.uk
Tier 1 Graduate Entrepreneur
King’s is an authorised endorsing body for the Tier 1 Graduate Entrepreneur scheme. The King’s Entrepreneurship Institute and the VISA Team both offer some advice and support on this visa.

King’s Careers & Employability can also offer advice and support on preparing applications and business plans for endorsement application process. More information on this, including the application form, is here: https://www.kcl.ac.uk/entrepreneurship-institute/support/tier-1-visa.aspx

Doing a PhD?
The VISA team also advise on the Tier 4 Doctorate Extension Scheme, which is an option for PhD students who wish to stay on in the UK for a year after they complete their PhD.

Other visas
Please note that the VISA team and the King’s Careers & Employability team cannot advise on visas for other countries, e.g. Europe (Schengen visas), the USA, or other overseas countries. They can provide general signposting information to Embassy websites, but if, for example, you want to find out which visa you need for a 3-month internship for the USA, the King’s teams are unable to give such advice.

Other sources of immigration advice
UK Council for International Student Affairs (UKCISA) has helpful online information and a telephone advice line.

The OISC Adviser Finder has a search tool to allow students to search for a regulated immigration adviser in their area within the UK.

The Joint Council for the Welfare of Immigrants (JCWI) can also provide legal advice on complex immigration issues.

The Citizens Advice Bureau may also be a local source of information on immigration matters.

This information was considered accurate at the time it was written but may need updating in the future, in accordance with changes to immigration policies, visa rules and King’s internal systems.

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