Participating in a short-term placement programme opens a world of opportunity for the student. There is opportunity to develop skills through completing structured careers-based activities enabling them to build professional CVs alongside opportunity to learn more about a specific role or sector that interests them. In addition, placement programmes here at Royal Holloway, University of London, encourage networking so students are best placed to expand their networks both within and across the College community and beyond. These interactions can lead to incredible future opportunities.

The placements team are proud to help facilitate placement programmes that positively impact our students’ career thinking and progression. We enjoy helping students tap into their potential and unlock a confidence that can only be gained through real life experiences. Furthermore, we recognise that when students are open to growing their skill set and developing their industry knowledge through their placement experience, this builds self-confidence – in turn this can give them a real edge over their peers.

And when the placement is done it doesn’t end there – we encourage students to reflect on their progress and nurture their new professional relationships.

We love a success story, and we hope that you will enjoy reading some of the testimony we have curated from our placements students who have participated in our programmes.
05 CHARITY
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Natasha Hewson, BA Philosophy, Content Creation Marketing & Research, Women’s Prize
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Robyn Lunt, BSc Clinical Psychology & Mental Health, Advocacy Support, Kingston Advocacy Group
Hana Rouabhi, BSc Psychology, Advocacy Support, Kingston Advocacy Group
Anonymous, BSc Psychology, Medical Administration, National Migraine Centre
Anonymous, BSc Biomedical Sciences, Administrator, National Migraine Centre
Daniel Phillips, BSc Psychology, Marketing, A BluePrint for a Better Business

10 CONSULTANCY
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Thomas Evans, BA History, Research, Sapio Research

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14 ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT
Jessica Clayton-Rowley, BSc Geography, Research, Environment Agency
Asha Lall, BSc Business & Management, Research, ERC Evolution
Tazyani Nyimbili, BA Geography, Innovator, Environment Agency
Elizabeth Bonnett, MSci Physics, Research, Environment Agency

16 IT & TECH
Anonymous, BSc Computer Science (YIB), Business Analysis, Intersoft Systems and Programming Limited
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17 PROPERTY MANAGEMENT
Kelly Garcia Para, BSc Psychology, Accountancy, John D Wood & Co.
18  PUBLIC SERVICES
Anonymous, BSc Criminology & Psychology (YIB), Research, Surrey Police
Kieran Southam Rossetti, BSc Financial & Business Economics, Financial Management, Surrey County Council

19  PUBLISHING
Beth McCowen, BA English & Classical Studies, Publishing Assistant, Old Castle Books
Abbi Jordan

"I have always lacked confidence in my abilities both academically and personally so challenging myself to do this placement was a massive step. I had to get involved with the team and build relationships with clients so I couldn’t just remain quiet. It forced me to be confident enough to use my voice."

Anonymous

This placement has assured me that the career I want to take part in is the right one for me.

Anonymous

"Not only did I find that working in an unfamiliar environment and working with new clients everyday increased my confidence, I found that commuting into and back from London helped with my confidence in crowds... I would definitely like to take part in more placements as I found it very interesting to learn about the charities work in such depth."

BSc Criminology & Psychology, Advocacy Support at Kingston Advocacy Group

BSc Psychology, Advocacy Support at Kingston Advocacy Group

BA Politics with Philosophy, Advocacy Support at Kingston Advocacy Group
It has given me lots of useful experience and the chance to look further into a career especially in the charity sector as I enjoyed the placement so much. The placement has inspired me [to look] into careers surrounding publishing which I did not expect. As I was able to talk too many people in the publishing field early on in the placement, it gave me the chance to ask questions and think more closely about that line of work.

This placement has given me reassurance and confidence about going into the legal sector. I had the opportunity to liaise with public authorities and communicate with individuals from different walks of life. I believe that this placement has given me first hand experience working in the most professional setting that I have ever had the opportunity to occupy, and for this reason I am more intrigued to explore other work experience and prepare myself for full time work after my educational career.
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Hana Rouabhi

"The placement has provided me with valuable insight into the work of vulnerable people and I can use this to make future decisions about careers."

Robyn Lunt

"I feel more confident in a workplace environment that is specifically related to the area of employment I seek in the future."
"This placement helped me see more of what it would be like to work in a medical setting and also what it’s like to work remotely which I hadn’t done before. The placement program gave me more confidence as I have not only gained skills that I can use for the future but also experience I can add to my CV."

"Ultimately, the experience has been a positive one and I can confidently say that I will definitely consider working in more charitable organisations in the future alongside my course."

Anonymous

Anonymous

BSc Biomedical Sciences, Administration at the National Migraine Centre

BSc Psychology, Administration at the National Migraine Centre

An Insight into the Summer Placement Experience
Daniel Phillips
BSc Criminology & Psychology, Marketing at Blueprint for Better Business

"I feel more confident going into the world of work and working with Blueprint has opened so many doors for me both with contacts and exposure into the role of businesses within society. I will certainly be using my experience with Blueprint for my postgraduate applications to business school... To be a part of an organisation that is so passionate and driven about change has been amazing. I’ve loved being involved in a variety of things with Blueprint, beyond my Marketing role, discussing strategy feedback and shadowing external client meetings as some examples."

Daniel's Blog about his experience at Blueprint for a Better Business:
An Insight into the Summer Placement Experience

**Aliyah Amir**

I know I definitely want to take part in more placements. It’s been really good for learning how to navigate professionally and for networking, and being able to trial out different careers.

BSc Computer Science (with YIB), Research at Sapio Research

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**Thomas Evans**

"My confidence increased massively as I had to actively work as part of a team and help to deliver several projects. When these projects went well, I received positive feedback boosting my confidence...I feel a lot more confident about my next steps in my career journey now as I have a lot more commercial awareness and a better idea of what industry I want to go into."

BA History, Research at Sapio Research
Amy Marshall

"I feel like this placement has allowed me to continue working with statistics and apply them to a real-life context. It has also allowed me to develop my communication skills and my ability to work effectively in a group. I feel like this will be really important for when I go on to pursue psychology as a career as I will have to work with statistics and make real life applications."

Anonymous

"I learnt a lot from this placement, and it has given me some confidence for my next steps. I know that I would like to complete more placements and continue to explore career options."
I feel more confident and feel like I have a clearer idea of what I want to do in the next steps of my career journey.

I’m optimistic about my future career whether it will be at TwoFour or somewhere else in the media industry.

The placement certainly got me more interested in Journalism and having this on my CV will definitely help when applying for Journalism opportunities in the future.
Neel Anand

"I still am unsure about which path I will take with my career, however, with my insight placement completed, I at least have experience in this field and have not ruled out pursuing future jobs of a similar nature."

Maria Lajuwomi

"I feel more equipped and confident finding and applying for jobs that are in the film and television industry."

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Jessica Clayton-Rowley

"I feel much more confident looking for future internships now, and having undertaken the preparatory work involved in the Professional Skills and Insight Placement, I feel I am properly prepared for exploring future career possibilities."

Asha Lall

"The placement made me feel better knowing that I have some work experience to add to my CV."

Tazyani Nymbili

"The CV webinar and the Interview E-learning sessions where beneficial and helpful into getting a actual job."

BSc Geography, Research at Environment Agency

BSc Business & Management, Research at ERC Evolution

BA Geography, Innovator at Environment Agency
An Insight into the Summer Placement Experience

Elizabeth Bonnett

MSci Physics, Research at Environment Agency

"It was really nice to be appreciated for the work I’d done and feel like I’d made a good contribution to the agency and saving the environment...The placement has given me a different career path to look into instead of just scientific research and has widened my view of what jobs are out there for physics students."

Hodan Richter

BSc Mathematics, Research at ERC Evolution

"I am now so much more informed and motivated about the energy field and know what types of careers I could pursue after university... This was a wonderful opportunity for me to learn and grow my interest in the energy field."
Anonymous

“I feel that the Insight placement has helped to give me a real insight into what a number of career options might be available to me. Moreover, it helped to narrow down my career pathway as I got to ask questions and see how different teams operated and the kind of work they were involved in.”

Anonymous

“I believe that this placement and the experience I gained opens a lot of doors for me in my career journey. This was initially not a sector I had a strong desire to pursue but I know I have no gained valuable experience that would be incredibly desirable for future employers.”

IT & TECH

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"I learnt about myself that I really enjoy working in an efficient professional environment with a brain stimulating job and with tasks that allow me to put in service my skills and knowledge. I am excited and looking forward to my next professional experience. There are already people advising me to apply to graduate programs in prestigious financial companies in London."
PUBLICATION SERVICES

Anonymous

"I feel a lot better about my next steps in my career journey. It’s given me experience that I can feel confident placing on my CV and discussing with future employers...It has also broadened my view on what I can do after my degree is complete"

BSc Criminology & Psychology (YIB), Research at Surrey Police

Kieran Southam Rossetti

"The insight was great as I have never thought about working in the public sector before but after having this experience, I have learnt a lot about the public sector and may look for a job in this field in the future. It has also taught me a lot about what it takes to become a chartered accountant as I had spoken to many chartered accountants who told me about their personal experiences."

BSc(Econ) Financial & Business Economics, Financial Management at Surrey County Council

An Insight into the Summer Placement Experience
Beth McCowen

BA English & Classical Studies, Publishing, Old Castle Books

"I am keen to pursue more experience in publishing, writing and editing and feel this placement has given me a great basis to [understand] how these processes work and what the industry entails. I am confident that I will be able to find a suitable employment position upon graduating."
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