



WORKSCOPE

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A Careers newsletter produced for students, by students. This publication has been produced by University of Wollongong Careers Service Interns Rachel Muscat, Julie Chhay, Genesis Galacio and Jo-Anne Austin

Upcoming Events...

Don't miss UOW's

NATIONAL CAREERS FAIR

22ND MARCH 2006
from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.
in the UNIVERSITY HALL

You will have the chance to interact with over 70 employers from a range of disciplines

For more information, or to view the organisations that will be there, visit

<http://www.uow.edu.au/career/s/assistance/CareersFair.html>

From the mouths of graduate recruiters....

At the recent Macquarie Bank information session held on Monday 6th March, we asked Shanan Green, the HR representative of Macquarie Bank, what they were looking for in a graduate:

"We want a well balanced candidate. Whilst the studies you undertake and achieving good results is important, we look for graduates who have also been involved in extra curricular activities such as part-time work, sports or perhaps involvement in the community. Someone who has achieved at university and participated in a range of activities can demonstrate the attributes we look for such as flexibility, motivation and well developed team skills."

"Companies, professional services firms and investment banks hire graduates with more than just outstanding academic credentials. Students who find time to debate, play sport, enter competitions and get involved are just as likely to make a top employer's short list as someone with a double major in commerce/law."

Kate Marshall, "Employers cast the net wider"
Australian Financial Review
7 March 2005

Need Help Job Seeking?

Get yourself registered for a Careers Service Workshop. These Workshops are designed to prepare you for the challenges in obtaining a **graduate position, vacation work, scholarships and other job seeking situations**, including:

- Effective Resumes
- Answering Selection Criteria and Online Forms
- Dealing with Assessment Centres
- Creative Job Seeking
- Effective Interview Techniques
- Ethics in Graduate Recruitment

To Register, simply get onto the Careers Service website (<http://www.uow.edu.au/careers/>) and follow the workshops link, but **BE QUICK** because only **15 people** can register per workshop!

Graduate Recruitment Program

Graduate positions are for students who are currently completing their final year and would like to begin work in the next calendar year. The recruitment for these positions has now started! It is a formal program that generally allows finishing students to work and train with the participating company. It allows the company to attract, develop and retain talented individuals who want to embark on a challenging career. If you are in your final year and thinking about the graduate recruitment programs visit this website now. !!!

<http://www.uow.edu.au/careers/jobboard/graduate.html>

What are Information Sessions?

Ever wanted to know what employers want? Want to get ahead of the rest? Interested in learning more about your career prospects?

The UOW Careers Service is providing opportunities for YOU to interact with prospective employers and learn more about companies that are at the forefront of your discipline. Information Sessions connect students with employers that want to reveal important information about their organisations and their recruitment processes. After attending, you will be able to write more focused applications and present better at interviews; as well as grasping a better idea of **what the future may hold for YOU**.

Upcoming Information Sessions include:

Date	Organisation	Discipline
14/03	Norman Disney & Young	Mechanical & Electrical Engineering
22/03	Ford Motor Company Australia	HR, Finance, IT, Engineering, Marketing, Purchasing
22/03	Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	Accounting, Finance, Business, Management, Public Policy, Communication, Law, Science, Social Science, Agriculture, Commerce
22/03	Defence Graduate Development Program	Arts, Arts/Commerce, Arts/Science, Civil Engineering, Engineering/Commerce, Engineering/science, Law, Liberal Studies, Science, Science/Arts, Science/Commerce
23/03	Orica	Marketing, Engineering, Science, Finance, Information Technology, Supply Chain
27/03	Camp Counselors USA	All disciplines
28/03	Accenture	IT, Engineering, Commerce, HR, Law
29/03	BHP Billiton Mitsubishi Alliance - BMA	Mining, Mechanical, Electrical, Civil (survey majors), Materials, Mechatronics, Environmental Engineering, OH&S, Geoscience, Environmental Science, Human Resources
30/03	PricewaterhouseCoopers	All disciplines

Most Campus Information Sessions are held from 12.30-1.30pm and **registration is essential**.

For more information, or to register, get yourself onto the careers service website :(<http://www.uow.edu.au/careers/>) and click on the Information Sessions link.

“My JobAlert”

How would you like to be emailed when any job vacancies or Graduate Recruitment Programs relating to your discipline become available?

Then join “My JobAlert” by going to <http://www.uow.edu.au/careers/forms/jsdb-student.html> and entering your details.

It's as easy as that.

Resume Checking Service

After completing your resume (and attending the Resume Workshop), feel free to use the Career Service's **online resume checking service**. Simply email your resume to careers@uow.edu.au and it will be ready to pick up within 48 hours.

For conditions of this service, visit <http://www.uow.edu.au/careers/assistance/applications.html>

Employment Experience Program

EEP is for Students who want to build their work experience portfolio and for students whose academic program requires them to do an industry placement program. It enables the students to receive relevant industry experience from a range of participating companies. Check the website below for updates. <http://www.uow.edu.au/careers/jobboard/EEPAds.html>

Get The Edge

Having trouble compiling your CV?

The 2006 version of The Edge is now out! Drop into the Careers Service to pick up your copy now, or download it from <http://www.uow.edu.au/careers/publications/TheEdge.html>

Comprising resume samples, employer commentary and tips for preparing for interviews, this is an invaluable resource in helping with your job seeking.

Univariate Illawarra (UI)

Are you a penultimate or final year student looking to expand your resume with real workplace experience?

If you think being a good student with excellent marks, a great academic transcript and a solid resume will get you a job, perhaps it's time to look at what the majority of employers are now seeking real workplace experience!

In fact, most graduate applications will have a section dedicated to instances where you needed to display problem-solving skills.

UI, a Learning initiative requiring multi-disciplinary teams to solve 'real' workplace problems, can provide an instance where you have displayed your problem-solving skills.

UI is held each year during the mid – session recess, and allows teams made up from students of a variety of disciplines to work together and solve a 'real' problem outlined by the host organisation. Teams then work together on the problem for 3 weeks, presenting their solution to a judging panel comprising members from the host organisation, along with a member of the Careers Service.

Each organisation is allocated two teams who will compete to find the best solution for the host organisation's problem. The team deemed to have the best solution will advance to the finals where presentations and solutions will be judged via three categories: "Best Presentation", "Best Business Report" and "Most Creative Idea".

At this point, you may be trying to justify giving up your mid-session recess for what seems to be extra study.

Be assured, UI is an investment for your future. It is a Voluntary program that allows you to gain the skills that cannot be gained by merely completing a degree. UI allows you to employ all the theory learnt through your years of study, and put them to practical use.

The benefits are numerous:

- Increased employment prospects via the development of employability skills
- Opportunity to network with students from other disciplines, providing a diversity of knowledge.
- The opportunity to network with prospective employers.
- The development of skills outside your academic discipline.

Still not convinced?

See what past UI participant Sermin Yavuzer had to say regarding his experience.

"I feel that the opportunities the Careers Service provide for students to participate in a 'business orientated' project is fantastic. I guess when we begin our careers, we are suddenly expected to work with potentially different personalities or complete strangers on tasks with deadlines, and Univariate in a way simulates that expectation. I found it to be a great learning experience. In terms of benefits, I made new friends, learnt teamwork skills, and was able to apply the theory I learnt in my university subjects to a practical scenario. Furthermore, it looks great on a resume."



The UI/SIFE team (Peta Jones, Emily Davis, Sermin Yavuzer, Ashley Moore and Kristen Baresic) with SIFE Club executives Stephanie Fusco, Darko Radiceski and Misoslav Sova

To sign up, or if you have any questions regarding UI, email srejske@uow.edu.au

Discover the Careers Service Mobile Services!!

We'd like to make students aware of another service offered by the Careers Service! Mobile Services are a useful and convenient development that allows students to easily access the information and resources of the Careers Service. The Mobile Careers Service tent is available during lunch hours once a week, every week during semester and can be found all over campus from the duck pond to McKinnon lawn and the engineering building. The Mobile Service provides students with a quick and easy way to find information about graduate programs, vacation work, internships, the latest job vacancies available and the options that are available in the field you're interested in. It removes the formal and sometimes intimidating situation of discussing future job prospects while allowing you to obtain important information about your job possibilities while on the way to lunch! So take advantage of all the resources and information that the Mobile Service has to offer and stop by our tent today!

From March onwards students will be able to access the Mobile Service on the following dates:-

March:

Week 2 - Wednesday 1st

Week 3 - Tuesday 7th

Week 4 - Monday 13th

Week 5 - Tuesday 21st

Week 6 - Monday 27th

April:

Week 7 - Tuesday 4th

Week 8 - Wednesday 12th

Week 9 - Mobile 24th

Don't make us chase you!



Come and stop by our friendly Mobile Service.....

