

CASE STUDY

KnowledgeEast Graduate Internship Scheme

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About me

My name is Harun Haji and I graduated from the University of Greenwich with a BSc (Hons) in Computing with Multimedia. The reason why I selected this degree is because I have an interest in computing and the latest technological developments. My specialist interest and experience is within the Multimedia field.

My KnowledgeEast Internship experience

I found the KnowledgeEast Graduate Internship Scheme is very useful. I really enjoyed my internship with the charity and found them to be very professional. I wanted to continue working for the organisation however; they did not have sufficient funds to hire a new employee.

Whilst on internship I provided ideas to the organisation regarding various aspects of the business and they took my ideas in to consideration. I also created my own multimedia packages using my initiative and creativity.

The internship has enabled me to obtain various transferable skills for example, working in a team,

report writing outside academia, dealing with the public in a professional and efficient manner and working to deadlines.

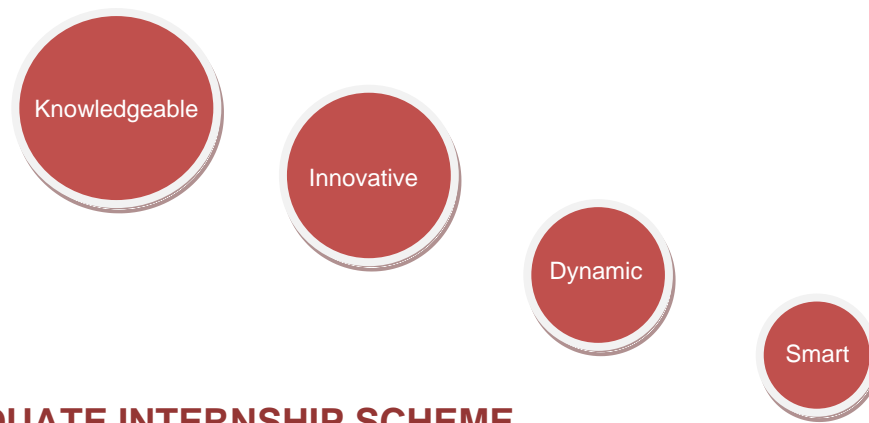
I feel that the information sessions that the Employability & Enterprise Team held prior to the internship are very useful for graduates who require the assistance. I have been obtaining assistance from my Careers Service, throughout my university years, at the University of Greenwich and due to this aspect I did not require assistance with my employability skills.

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My future

I have started my second internship with another company, which involves website development; this will enable me to develop further my current skills. I have previously worked in various student jobs but they were not related to my degree. The Knowledge East Graduate Internship Scheme has enabled me to gain some experience and provide me with a foundation for future professional jobs.

Placing smart, dynamic graduates into forward thinking businesses...



ABOUT KNOWLEDGEEAST GRADUATE INTERNSHIP SCHEME

In December 2009, a UEL-led collaborative bid on behalf of the KnowledgeEast HEI partnership was awarded funding to provide internship opportunities for unemployed graduates. Over the next 9 months, 500 paid internship opportunities will be created for recent graduates in local SMEs or larger businesses. This will be a valuable first step into the workplace for graduates who are entering the workplace in a challenging economic climate.

Recent graduates from the partner HEIs will be contacted about the project and invited to apply through a competitive process. The graduates showing most potential will be invited to attend a one day Preparation for Employment Event, followed by a one day Assessment Centre. The purpose of the two events is to ensure that the graduates are 'employer-ready' and that they are assigned to an internship where they have a high chance of success. The project will be very employer-focused to increase the possibility of the internship being converted into a full time post.

Through the KnowledgeEast partnership, the project will draw on the expertise of a range of colleagues in both the Careers/Employability and Enterprise teams of the partner HEIs. This project will complement and build on existing activity, including the work of the Knowledge East Enterprise Network (KEEN), our existing collaborative ECIF programme and the TGLP Internship Pilot delivered in 2008/9.

Femi Bola, UEL's Director of Employability said "The KnowledgeEast Graduate Internship Scheme presents a great opportunity for UEL to lead a scheme to help tackle one of the pressing issues of the moment, graduate unemployment, whilst continuing to build our understanding and expertise in the area of graduate level employability skills."