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Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

Name of organisation	BOE Systems
What does the organisation do?	Sells software to landlords with large portfolios (clients include Kingfisher plc and Superdry) which helps them organise and monitor said portfolios.
Where were you located?	Norwich
What did you do?	I worked in an office of IT technicians and helped them construct an instruction manual for their software.
For how long did you do it?	4 - 8 weeks
In which vacation?	Summer
How did you first find out about this opportunity?	Word of mouth/networking - friends, family
What did you personally gain from the experience (insights, skills etc.)?	A greater appreciation of the technology involved, a realisation of how important precision and accuracy are when dealing with real-world, multi-national corporations as clients, or indeed in the real world in general.
What were your average weekly earnings?	£250 - £399
How long in advance did you start to arrange this experience?	4-6 months
Do you think this opportunity might be available to other Cambridge students?	Yes
As a result of this experience were you offered anything?	Further vacation experience;Helpful contacts;References
If you needed a work permit or special visa, how did you obtain one?	

Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

Which year of your University course were you in when you arranged it?	First
Which year did you have this experience?	2018
Do you have any other comments regarding your experience?	

Details of the student who provided this feedback (some students have asked us to omit Raven ID/course details):

Historical Tripos Other

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Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

Name of organisation	Cambridge University - Clare College
What does the organisation do?	Research and teaching
Where were you located?	I worked remotely.
What did you do?	I organised wordlists with definitions and statistical information for future students and research. This was done in both Latin and Greek.
For how long did you do it?	1 - 3 weeks
In which vacation?	Summer
How did you first find out about this opportunity?	Word of mouth/networking - Cambridge alumni, GradLink, College networks
What did you personally gain from the experience (insights, skills etc.)?	I learnt a lot of Latin and Greek because I was working with those languages all the time. I learnt how to manipulate excel more proficiently.
What were your average weekly earnings?	> £400
How long in advance did you start to arrange this experience?	4-6 months
Do you think this opportunity might be available to other Cambridge students?	No
As a result of this experience were you offered anything?	None of the above
If you needed a work permit or special visa, how did you obtain one?	

Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

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Which year did you have this experience?	2018
Do you have any other comments regarding your experience?	

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Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

Name of organisation	Cambridge University - Queens' College Alumni and Development Office
What does the organisation do?	Liases with alumni and manages donations. Particularly during the annual telephone campaign.
Where were you located?	Cambridge
What did you do?	I managed the admin behind the annual telephone campaign, writing letters to those who donated and collating their receipts etc.
For how long did you do it?	1 - 3 weeks
In which vacation?	Summer
How did you first find out about this opportunity?	Word of mouth/networking - Cambridge alumni, GradLink, College networks
What did you personally gain from the experience (insights, skills etc.)?	Skills within social enterprise and database management, alumni relations etc
What were your average weekly earnings?	£250 - £399
How long in advance did you start to arrange this experience?	4-6 months
Do you think this opportunity might be available to other Cambridge students?	Yes
As a result of this experience were you offered anything?	Helpful contacts
If you needed a work permit or special visa, how did you obtain one?	

Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

Which year of your University course were you in when you arranged it?	Finalist
Which year did you have this experience?	2018
Do you have any other comments regarding your experience?	

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English Tripos Finalist

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Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

Name of organisation	Cambridge University - Sidney Sussex College Development and Membership Office
What does the organisation do?	Deals with relations with alumni of the college, including arranging events and donations.
Where were you located?	Cambridge, Cambridgeshire
What did you do?	Mainly general administrative duties - a lot of recording data on their system.
For how long did you do it?	4 - 8 weeks
In which vacation?	Summer
How did you first find out about this opportunity?	Word of mouth/networking - friends, family
What did you personally gain from the experience (insights, skills etc.)?	I gained insight about work that happens behind the scenes for a college to function.
What were your average weekly earnings?	£250 - £399
How long in advance did you start to arrange this experience?	0-3 months
Do you think this opportunity might be available to other Cambridge students?	Yes
As a result of this experience were you offered anything?	None of the above
If you needed a work permit or special visa, how did you obtain one?	

Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

Which year of your University course were you in when you arranged it?	First
Which year did you have this experience?	2018
Do you have any other comments regarding your experience?	

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Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

Name of organisation	Instinctif Partners
What does the organisation do?	It's a public relations business consultancy
Where were you located?	Brussels, Belgium
What did you do?	Administrative work, research, event organisation, MEPs contact, bulletin writing
For how long did you do it?	4 - 8 weeks
In which vacation?	Summer
How did you first find out about this opportunity?	Word of mouth/networking - friends, family
What did you personally gain from the experience (insights, skills etc.)?	Insight into the working of the European Parliament, finance research skills, general policy-making knowledge
What were your average weekly earnings?	< £249
How long in advance did you start to arrange this experience?	4-6 months
Do you think this opportunity might be available to other Cambridge students?	Yes
As a result of this experience were you offered anything?	References
If you needed a work permit or special visa, how did you obtain one?	

Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

Which year of your University course were you in when you arranged it?	Intermediate (2nd of 4 year course)
Which year did you have this experience?	2018
Do you have any other comments regarding your experience?	

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History of Art Tripos Finalist

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Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

Name of organisation	J.P. Morgan
What does the organisation do?	Investment Banking, Asset & Wealth Management, Technology
Where were you located?	London
What did you do?	Human Resources Summer Analyst
For how long did you do it?	9 - 12 weeks
In which vacation?	Summer
How did you first find out about this opportunity?	Social Media - LinkedIn, Facebook, Twitter etc
What did you personally gain from the experience (insights, skills etc.)?	Teamwork, Leadership, Communication and Presentation Skills. Great insights into the bank. Good networking with other interns, managers etc.
What were your average weekly earnings?	> £400
How long in advance did you start to arrange this experience?	7-9 months
Do you think this opportunity might be available to other Cambridge students?	Yes
As a result of this experience were you offered anything?	Fast track through recruitment process; Helpful contacts
If you needed a work permit or special visa, how did you obtain one?	

Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

Which year of your University course were you in when you arranged it?	Penultimate
Which year did you have this experience?	2018
Do you have any other comments regarding your experience?	

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Land Economy Tripos Finalist

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Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

Name of organisation	MBS Group (The)
What does the organisation do?	Consumer Facing Executive Search
Where were you located?	London
What did you do?	Over my 5 weeks there did a variety of roles. I would work on projects, mapping out companies to identify people who may be a good fit for the job description. I would then input their data onto the company system and even be allowed to interview some of them! I also sat in on interviews for the weekly article, being allowed to ask questions to some very senior, interesting people. I undertook some work with the business development team, helping them research for the articles and white papers.
For how long did you do it?	4 - 8 weeks
In which vacation?	Summer
How did you first find out about this opportunity?	Careers Service advertisement
What did you personally gain from the experience (insights, skills etc.)?	I gained a lot of confidence through my interaction with executive level people, and just from being treated as an equal in the office. I learnt to use LinkedIn efficiently and gained an understanding of what various roles entailed, as well as learning to quickly understand a company's culture and aims.
What were your average weekly earnings?	> £400
How long in advance did you start to arrange this experience?	4-6 months
Do you think this opportunity might be available to other Cambridge students?	Yes
As a result of this experience were you offered anything?	Further vacation experience; Helpful contacts; References

Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

If you needed a work permit or special visa, how did you obtain one?	
Which year of your University course were you in when you arranged it?	Penultimate
Which year did you have this experience?	2018
Do you have any other comments regarding your experience?	

Details of the student who provided this feedback (some students have asked us to omit Raven ID/course details):

Historical Tripos Penultimate

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Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

Name of organisation	Metaswitch Networks
What does the organisation do?	Providing computing services
Where were you located?	Enfield, Middlesex
What did you do?	Contract Administrator
For how long did you do it?	1 - 3 weeks
In which vacation?	Christmas
How did you first find out about this opportunity?	Word of mouth/networking - friends, family
What did you personally gain from the experience (insights, skills etc.)?	I gained confidence of how quickly you can pick up new skills in a job.
What were your average weekly earnings?	< £249
How long in advance did you start to arrange this experience?	0-3 months
Do you think this opportunity might be available to other Cambridge students?	Metaswitch offers actual internships for students - this was just a low-skilled job
As a result of this experience were you offered anything?	None of the above
If you needed a work permit or special visa, how did you obtain one?	

Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

Which year of your University course were you in when you arranged it?	First
Which year did you have this experience?	2017;2018
Do you have any other comments regarding your experience?	

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Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

Name of organisation	Office of Rail and Road (The)
What does the organisation do?	Civil service, rail regulator
Where were you located?	London
What did you do?	Temporary assistant administrator to the Project Management team coordinating the inquiry into the rail disruption caused by the introduction of the May 2018 train timetable.
For how long did you do it?	4 - 8 weeks
In which vacation?	Summer
How did you first find out about this opportunity?	Word of mouth/networking - friends, family
What did you personally gain from the experience (insights, skills etc.)?	Understanding of working for a public sector organisation, administrative skills
What were your average weekly earnings?	> £400
How long in advance did you start to arrange this experience?	0-3 months
Do you think this opportunity might be available to other Cambridge students?	No
As a result of this experience were you offered anything?	Helpful contacts;References
If you needed a work permit or special visa, how did you obtain one?	

Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

Which year of your University course were you in when you arranged it?	Penultimate
Which year did you have this experience?	2018
Do you have any other comments regarding your experience?	

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Classical Tripos Finalist

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Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

Name of organisation	Raptrad Imagine
What does the organisation do?	Translations for international companies
Where were you located?	Paris, France
What did you do?	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Performed translations for a range of companies (for example, many specialising in technological, medical or juridical language) from French to English and often from English to French using a range of translation programs. 2. Project management receiving details of translation requests from clients and using different software to measure word count, build translation memories, etc. 3. Revision re-reading, modifying and validating texts that had already been translated from various language including German, Spanish and Vietnamese into English to ensure quality of translation and accuracy. 4. Programming translation memories to include alignments of vocabulary in translations already completed to store for future use. 5. Revising content of translated documents to ensure that the presentation was correct and that the software had successfully re-introduced the translation into a comparable and visually appealing layout and to eliminate and correct errors of the process.
For how long did you do it?	More than 12 weeks
In which vacation?	Summer
How did you first find out about this opportunity?	Speculative application
What did you personally gain from the experience (insights, skills etc.)?	Greatly improved ability of practical translation - Helped gain knowledge of project management and communications skills- Good experience of an office environment, developing professional etiquette etc- Insight into foreign workplace and its management- Practice working in a pressured environment with important deadlines- Furthering communication, time management, and a whole range of other skills
What were your average weekly earnings?	<£249
How long in advance did you start to arrange this experience?	0-3 months
Do you think this opportunity might be available to other Cambridge students?	I carried this out as part of my Year Abroad and was a prospective applicant but the company were highly welcoming and seemed open to having further interns in the future.

Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

As a result of this experience were you offered anything?	The company were enthusiastic and encouraging about me returning in future vacations;Further vacation experience;Helpful contacts;References
If you needed a work permit or special visa, how did you obtain one?	N/A - we were still in Europe
Which year of your University course were you in when you arranged it?	Intermediate (2nd of 4 year course)
Which year did you have this experience?	2018
Do you have any other comments regarding your experience?	

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Mod & Med Langs Tripos Penultimate

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Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

Name of organisation	Wacker Chemie
What does the organisation do?	Chemicals manufacturer
Where were you located?	Munich
What did you do?	Translation and administration
For how long did you do it?	More than 12 weeks
In which vacation?	Summer
How did you first find out about this opportunity?	Other Cambridge University Department
What did you personally gain from the experience (insights, skills etc.)?	Experience in a large business
What were your average weekly earnings?	< £249
How long in advance did you start to arrange this experience?	0-3 months
Do you think this opportunity might be available to other Cambridge students?	Yes
As a result of this experience were you offered anything?	References
If you needed a work permit or special visa, how did you obtain one?	Maybe after brexit

Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

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Which year did you have this experience?	2018
Do you have any other comments regarding your experience?	

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Mod & Med Langs Tripos Finalist

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Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

Name of organisation	Wiltshire International Studies Centre
What does the organisation do?	The organisation studies international interactions with the county of Wiltshire
Where were you located?	Flamstead, Wiltshire
What did you do?	Sending emails. Administration. Supporting work for permanent staff
For how long did you do it?	4 - 8 weeks
In which vacation?	Summer
How did you first find out about this opportunity?	Speculative application
What did you personally gain from the experience (insights, skills etc.)?	A understanding of the work of the organisation and an ability to overcome challenges during a specific time-frame
What were your average weekly earnings?	> £400
How long in advance did you start to arrange this experience?	0-3 months
Do you think this opportunity might be available to other Cambridge students?	No
As a result of this experience were you offered anything?	Helpful contacts
If you needed a work permit or special visa, how did you obtain one?	

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