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Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

Name of organisation	Academia Sinica
What does the organisation do?	It is the national research institute of Taiwan and they offer various summer student programme across many different departments. In the programme, you would be given a summer project to do. It could be completely new or extension of a work done by your supervisor depending on how you arranged it.
Where were you located?	Taipei, Taiwan
What did you do?	I worked on a particle physics project and I extended my supervisor's work of calculation of neutrino-nucleus interaction coherency with different sources against different detector target and threshold. This required me to build my own programs with MATLAB to do scientific computing. And in the end, has to present to other physicists and students.
For how long did you do it?	4 - 8 weeks
In which vacation?	Summer
How did you first find out about this opportunity?	Online searching inc. organisation websites
What did you personally gain from the experience (insights, skills etc.)?	I learnt a lot about physics in general, and develop important skills in coding and independent research. But mainly I found that I probably will not stay in academia in the future. So I think it is a great opportunity for all the enthusiastic first-years to see if they are actually interested in these sort of job.
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

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If you needed a work permit or special visa, how did you obtain one?	The Institute will help you arrange one (not 100% sure as I am a citizen)
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):

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Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

Name of organisation	Action Village India
What does the organisation do?	Promotes development and empowerment of women in rural India
Where were you located?	London
What did you do?	Researched ethical products AVI could sell to generate profit to feed back into charitable products in India
For how long did you do it?	4 - 8 weeks
In which vacation?	Summer
How did you first find out about this opportunity?	Cambridge Hub
What did you personally gain from the experience (insights, skills etc.)?	Many new skills, including how to run a focus group, spreadsheet and research skills, confidence, and a very enjoyable experience and also I volunteered with AVI staff at a stall at WOMAD world music festival
What were your average weekly earnings?	Expenses only
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;References
If you needed a work permit or special visa, how did you obtain one?	

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Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

Name of organisation	Alliance Francaise
What does the organisation do?	Organise French courses and spread information about French culture.
Where were you located?	Lyon, France
What did you do?	Studied French for one month
For how long did you do it?	4 - 8 weeks
In which vacation?	Summer
How did you first find out about this opportunity?	Online searching inc. organisation websites
What did you personally gain from the experience (insights, skills etc.)?	I improved my French by a lot!
What were your average weekly earnings?	Unpaid
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?	None of the above
If you needed a work permit or special visa, how did you obtain one?	

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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	Amenity Analytics
What does the organisation do?	It is an artificial intelligence startup that has built a leading edge text analytics platform that allows customers to identify actionable signals from unstructured data and helps investors decide what to invest in.
Where were you located?	New York, USA
What did you do?	I helped run and manage software that specialises in natural language processing, categorising market insights by their positive or negative polarity. I participated in many data analysis studies and sat in on employee training.
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.)?	The internship itself was a challenge as I'd never worked in the field before and my knowledge of coding (used in the algorithms for the company's text based analysis) was limited. Nevertheless, the experience of having a 9-5 job, working totally outside my comfort zone and navigating the field of technology was extremely beneficial and interesting. I learnt that internships can be tough and you're often thrown into the deep end but this in itself is extremely important in learning to work things out independently. Equally, I realised that no task I was given was ever truly insurmountable and as much as I may at times have held the belief that what I was working at was insignificant, it often actually ended up being extremely useful for the company.
What were your average weekly earnings?	Unpaid
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?	Helpful contacts;References

Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

If you needed a work permit or special visa, how did you obtain one?	Applied for a J1 work visa through the US embassy.
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	Arnold & Porter
What does the organisation do?	Commercial Law Firm
Where were you located?	New York
What did you do?	Met with lawyers who worked there, got a sense of the lifestyle of the lawyers and what kind of work they do, sat in on conference calls, went to talks for their new employees
For how long did you do it?	Up to 1 week
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 how Commercial law works and how law firms are run.
What were your average weekly earnings?	Unpaid
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;References
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	Arup
What does the organisation do?	Engineering Consultancy.
Where were you located?	London.
What did you do?	Software development for Advanced Technology and Research team.
For how long did you do it?	4 - 8 weeks
In which vacation?	Christmas
How did you first find out about this opportunity?	Worked with the team before coming to Cambridge.
What did you personally gain from the experience (insights, skills etc.)?	Developed technical skills and knowledge.
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?	Lots of the above offered on previous placement with Arup, not this one.
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
Do you have any other comments regarding your experience?	

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Engineering Tripos Other

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Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

Name of organisation	Augustine Jewels
What does the organisation do?	They are a jewellery company specialised in bespoke services.
Where were you located?	London
What did you do?	Online marketing, selling in the shop and at events, liaising with workshops, managing production on Excel.
For how long did you do it?	9 - 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.)?	Management skills (Excel) and marketing.
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?	It is a very small company. It is worth applying speculatively.
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)

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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	Aupairing (through au pair world)
What does the organisation do?	Help find au pair opportunities
Where were you located?	Vienna, Austria
What did you do?	English teaching (speaking practice, marking essays, grammar help), speaking of German, cooking, childcare.
For how long did you do it?	4 - 8 weeks
In which vacation?	Summer
How did you first find out about this opportunity?	Online searching inc. organisation websites
What did you personally gain from the experience (insights, skills etc.)?	Opportunity to improve my German, English teaching experience.
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?	Further vacation experience
If you needed a work permit or special visa, how did you obtain one?	

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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	Beano (The)
What does the organisation do?	Children production of tv/children's website/education
Where were you located?	London, fleet street
What did you do?	Went into important meetings/ followed
For how long did you do it?	Up to 1 week
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.)?	learnt about the china/business expansion/ edited board meetings/ understood more about role of ceo
What were your average weekly earnings?	Unpaid
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?	
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?	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	Bedford Modern School
What does the organisation do?	It is a school, however in summer it runs holiday courses for children aged 4-14
Where were you located?	Bedford
What did you do?	Worked on the courses - involved in sports, arts, drama etc
For how long did you do it?	4 - 8 weeks
In which vacation?	Summer
How did you first find out about this opportunity?	I was aware of the courses while at school there, then emailed the organiser
What did you personally gain from the experience (insights, skills etc.)?	Leadership, working and communication with children, organisation
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?	Typically only employ people who live in the area and are well known to the organiser
As a result of this experience were you offered anything?	Further vacation experience
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	Biosphere expeditions
What does the organisation do?	It allows citizen scientists to take part in scientific data collection on endangered species around the world.
Where were you located?	Kyrgyzstan
What did you do?	We collected data on snow leopard populations and their prey in the Tien Shan mountains. It is hoped this information can aid our understanding of the threats facing their decline as well as encouraging government protection.
For how long did you do it?	1 - 3 weeks
In which vacation?	Summer
How did you first find out about this opportunity?	Online searching inc. organisation websites
What did you personally gain from the experience (insights, skills etc.)?	Teamwork. Communication. Understanding of scientific data collection in the field
What were your average weekly earnings?	Unpaid
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)

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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	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?	

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Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

Name of organisation	Breathing Buildings
What does the organisation do?	Design and manufacture hybrid ventilation systems
Where were you located?	Cambridge
What did you do?	Designed and proposed solutions.
For how long did you do it?	4 - 8 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.)?	Employment experience. Insight into building design industry. Excel skills. Professional communication skills.
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?	Further vacation experience
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	British Army
What does the organisation do?	Defends the United Kingdom.
Where were you located?	Longmoor Camp, then RAF St. Mawgan
What did you do?	One week of counterinsurgency and public order training (with a four day exercise), and one week of adventurous training.
For how long did you do it?	1 - 3 weeks
In which vacation?	Summer
How did you first find out about this opportunity?	Being a member of the University Officer Training Corps
What did you personally gain from the experience (insights, skills etc.)?	Management skills (I was in charge of a section, approximately 8 people) and military training (public order skills, command skills, combat skills); skills in mountain climbing and canoeing in the second phase.
What were your average weekly earnings?	£250 - £399
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?	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?	

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Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

Name of organisation	Building Bridges US/EU summer school
What does the organisation do?	Organising maths summer schools
Where were you located?	Budapest
What did you do?	Learning maths
For how long did you do it?	1 - 3 weeks
In which vacation?	Summer
How did you first find out about this opportunity?	Online searching inc. organisation websites
What did you personally gain from the experience (insights, skills etc.)?	Maths, and a girlfriend
What were your average weekly earnings?	Expenses only
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?	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?	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):

Mathematical Tripos Penultimate

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Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

Name of organisation	Cambridge Development Initiative
What does the organisation do?	The Cambridge Development Initiative (CDI) is a non-profit organization that improves the wellbeing of community members in the schools, informal settlements, and wider communities of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. CDI empowers student leaders in the United Kingdom and Tanzania to catalyse change in their societies through innovative projects in the areas of healthcare, education, entrepreneurship, and water, sanitation, and hygiene (WaSH). CDI's two partner organizations in the UK and Tanzania are comprised of executive committees and university students who design, implement, and evaluate these projects. Since 2013, CDI has mobilized over 100 student volunteers to launch sustainable, community-oriented solutions to Dar es Salaam's most significant challenges.
Where were you located?	Dar es Salaam, Tanzania
What did you do?	This summer, the CDI Health Project can be separated into two main project streams, namely non-communicable diseases (NCDs) and emotional well-being. More specifically, the Health Project team this year has three main objectives in mind. First, to raise awareness of some longstanding physical and mental health problems faced by Tanzanians. Second, to educate local communities with simple messages to help them to improve their current health and wellbeing. Finally, to help them decrease the risk of developing chronic conditions and NCDs. By the end of the summer, we have produced a mass media campaign on NCDs with nationwide coverage, consisting of a radio programme and six television episodes. Furthermore, we held five NCDs workshops at the informal settlements in Vingunguti ward, Dar es Salaam, with a total of 150 participants. These were all made possible by collaborating with local partners, such as local health care professionals, media stations and production companies. Additionally, we are also working towards formalising a partnership with the Aga Khan University (Tanzania), to push forward a pioneer research on the mental health risk factors of adolescents in this country. When drafting the research proposal, we realise that there is a significant gap in the current literature on this topic. Unfortunately, people seem to have a poor understanding of mental health and lacking a comprehensive support system for those in need. As a result, conducting a research on this topic can help to devise a support system that is appropriate in the Tanzanian context. Personally, I think this is the most exciting progress we have made out of all the meaningful work we have done this summer. By doing so, I believe we are paving the way to improve the welfare of local communities by promoting healthy environments.
For how long did you do it?	4 - 8 weeks
In which vacation?	Summer
How did you first find out about this opportunity?	Cambridge Careers Service Vacation Opportunity

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<p>What did you personally gain from the experience (insights, skills etc.)?</p>	<p>Throughout these two months, we have been through a lot of hurdles. It was frustrating, stressful, tiring, yet very rewarding. As a result, I have learned more than I could ever imagine. I have met people who I would have never met, made new friends, enlightened by a whole new culture, learned valuable life lessons and interpersonal skills. Not only have I developed personally, but I also believe that our work this summer has brought a true impact to the local communities. This, therefore, corresponded with the two main core values of CDI, namely: coming up with innovative, impact-driven projects to tackle local problems and personal development of all volunteers. As the monitoring and evaluation (M&E) officer on the Health Project, I have analysed countless surveys, numerous interviews, and currently in the process of finalising my end report for this summer. The level of trust CDI places on you and your work is truly empowering, and also gives you a sense of confidence to push forward your ideas. My experiences here have allowed me to understand what I am capable of, and I've learned how to trust myself a bit more. I have also come to this painful realisation of how fortunate I am, as a student from Hong Kong, who has the opportunity to study abroad. After talking with some of the KITE, Dar es Salaam volunteers on my team, being on-site visiting the informal settlements, and going through the interview transcripts with those in need, I have only begun to scrape the surface of the problems people are facing here. If I have to pick one take-home message from this trip, out of the many things that I have learned from it, then it will certainly be: Never take things for granted.</p>
<p>What were your average weekly earnings?</p>	<p>Unpaid</p>
<p>How long in advance did you start to arrange this experience?</p>	<p>4-6 months</p>
<p>Do you think this opportunity might be available to other Cambridge students?</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>As a result of this experience were you offered anything?</p>	<p>Further vacation experience; Helpful contacts; References</p>
<p>If you needed a work permit or special visa, how did you obtain one?</p>	<p>You need a volunteering visa but that will be arranged by the organisation. You will need to pay for a visa as you enter Tanzania. You will have to have all the necessary vaccinations, including the Yellow Fever vaccine before your trip. These will all be</p>
<p>Which year of your University course were you in when you arranged it?</p>	<p>First</p>
<p>Which year did you have this experience?</p>	<p>2018</p>

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Do you have any other comments regarding your experience?	
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Psych & Behav Sciences Tripos Penultimate

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Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

Name of organisation	Cambridge Summer School China (CSSC)
What does the organisation do?	Takes Cambridge students to a school in Guangzhou where they teach at a 2 week summer camp for kids 8-13 in order to improve their English, working with Chinese University students as well.
Where were you located?	Guangzhou, China
What did you do?	Taught English to kids aged 8-13 at a summer camp through a range of activities and different subjects (sports, music, art, dance etc). Took the kids into the city to sell their old toys to raise money for charity and held challenges between classes every evening each of a different topic. Also held public speaking classes where the kids worked on writing speeches on different topics and then presenting them in front of the class to improve their confidence.
For how long did you do it?	1 - 3 weeks
In which vacation?	Summer;edu
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.)?	Gained confidence massively and learnt how to work well with children. Also gained an insight into China and their lifestyle - especially in terms of education and expectation. Also met a lot of really great people and it has made me more confident in applying for other jobs/experience abroad that are out of my comfort zone.
What were your average weekly earnings?	Expenses only
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?	Offered a job in China at the actual school we were located in, also offered further positions on camps in the future and in other places that CSSC are setting up (Bali etc);A job offer;Further vacation experience

Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

If you needed a work permit or special visa, how did you obtain one?	Applied for China VISA online
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):

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Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

Name of organisation	Cambridge Summer Schools in China
What does the organisation do?	Organisation runs multiple summer schools in Bali, Guangzhou and Shenzhen china. The camps are largely based on teaching english as a foreign language to children from 8 to 15 years old, however each camp has a slightly different theme: 'Green Camps' in Bali, Debate carnival camps, Pre-Uni camps and the standard camp focused on language skills.
Where were you located?	Guangzhou, China
What did you do?	The roles as an Teacher involved teaching english lessons on a chosen topic to children of a range of abilities, as well as running a range of fun sports and creative activities each day.
For how long did you do it?	1 - 3 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.)?	I really enjoyed the teaching aspect of the camp, it has inspired me to pursue a career in education and learn mandarin back at uni. It was also a fantastic opportunity to experience a different culture.
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?	Further vacation experience;Helpful contacts;References
If you needed a work permit or special visa, how did you obtain one?	The company helps you fill out the appropriate visa and make the process very quick an easy.

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	Cambridge University
What does the organisation do?	Research
Where were you located?	Cambridge
What did you do?	Coded a mathematical model for interference in meiosis.
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.)?	Coding and research experience.
What were your average weekly earnings?	Unpaid
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?	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?	

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Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

Name of organisation	Cambridge University
What does the organisation do?	Runs the Sutton Trust Summer Schools, which give disadvantaged, state school educated sixth formers the chance to come to Cambridge for the week and experience both the academic and social life of a student here.
Where were you located?	Cambridge, UK
What did you do?	I was a CAMbassador, which is a student ambassador who helps to run the summer school. My duties included building a rapport with the students, accompanying them to and from sessions and running social activities in the evenings. I also supported the senior outreach team with admin work.
For how long did you do it?	Up to 1 week
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.)?	I gained confidence in my leadership capabilities, as well as skills of organisation and responsibility. I particularly enjoyed inspiring the students I was working with to apply to Cambridge, which was very rewarding on a personal level.
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?	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?	

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

Hum, Soc & Pol Sciences Tripos Other

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Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

Name of organisation	Cambridge University - Churchill College, Housekeeping Department
What does the organisation do?	The department is in charge of housekeeping and maintenance in the college.
Where were you located?	I was located in Cambridge, UK.
What did you do?	I worked as a casual member of the housekeeping staff.
For how long did you do it?	9 - 12 weeks
In which vacation?	Summer
How did you first find out about this opportunity?	indeed.com
What did you personally gain from the experience (insights, skills etc.)?	I learned to be more organized and systematic, since there was often too much work to do in a short amount of time to do anything in the wrong order. I had to adapt to working in pairs or teams, as well as negotiate, since my working hours weren't guaranteed, so I often had to ask for more hours to make enough money.
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?	Financial support / sponsorship during your studies
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?	The job was great primarily because of the pay - it was better than most (if not all) similar jobs of this type, since it included additional holiday pay on top of the normal hourly rate. The college also provided 2 meals a day, 1 of which occurred during

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

Linguistics Tripos Penultimate

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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)

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	Cambridge University - Department of Anatomy
What does the organisation do?	Researches and provides teaching in the areas of human anatomy.
Where were you located?	Cambridge, Downing site
What did you do?	Produced prosections for teaching but also undertook a research project investigating a particular part of anatomy.
For how long did you do it?	9 - 12 weeks
In which vacation?	Summer
How did you first find out about this opportunity?	Opportunity was posted as part of my course
What did you personally gain from the experience (insights, skills etc.)?	I gained a lot of different skills involving manual dexterity but also had the opportunity to be provided with more teaching in the department.
What were your average weekly earnings?	Unpaid
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?	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?	

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Med and Vet Sci Tripos (Med) Finalist

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Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

Name of organisation	Cambridge University - Department of Chemistry
What does the organisation do?	Researches on chemistry.
Where were you located?	Cambridge.
What did you do?	I did a 10-week project on a ubiquitin assay that allows measurement of changes of free ubiquitin pool.
For how long did you do it?	9 - 12 weeks
In which vacation?	Summer
How did you first find out about this opportunity?	I spoke to my supervisor directly on the project.
What did you personally gain from the experience (insights, skills etc.)?	I gained many useful lab skills which are not taught in the first year, such as handling SDS-PAGE and doing Western blottings. My supervisor was particularly helpful in demonstrating analytical skills for data analysis.
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?	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?	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	Cambridge University - Department of Computer Science & Technology
What does the organisation do?	Computer Science teaching and research
Where were you located?	West Cambridgeshire, Cambridge, Cambridgeshire
What did you do?	An independent research project on text classification and analysis of change in phishing emails over time.
For how long did you do it?	4 - 8 weeks
In which vacation?	Summer
How did you first find out about this opportunity?	Emailed Professor about potential vacancies
What did you personally gain from the experience (insights, skills etc.)?	A solid grounding in Python and coding ability, as well as an insight into research and producing a research paper.
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?	References
If you needed a work permit or special visa, how did you obtain one?	N/A

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	Cambridge University - Department of Psychology
What does the organisation do?	Research on addiction
Where were you located?	Cambridge, UK
What did you do?	Conducted experiment on rats programmed to accelerate data processing process data from RNAscope Microtomy
For how long did you do it?	9 - 12 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.)?	Insights into academic research especially addiction research and animal facility Microtomy RNAscope elementary programming
What were your average weekly earnings?	Unpaid
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?	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?	Vacation experience: rather repetitive no expenses covered

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Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

Name of organisation	Cambridge University - Department of Zoology
What does the organisation do?	Research
Where were you located?	Cambridge
What did you do?	Extracellular Recording of AN1 and Effects of abdominal ganglia on Central Pattern Generation of Crickets
For how long did you do it?	4 - 8 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.)?	Anatomy skills, Extracellular recording skills, Fluorescent staining
What were your average weekly earnings?	Unpaid
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?	

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Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

Name of organisation	Cambridge University - Department of Zoology
What does the organisation do?	Doing research about acoustic system of crickets.
Where were you located?	At Cambridge.
What did you do?	Cutting experiment, extracellular recording.
For how long did you do it?	9 - 12 weeks
In which vacation?	Summer
How did you first find out about this opportunity?	Online searching inc. organisation websites
What did you personally gain from the experience (insights, skills etc.)?	Experiment skills
What were your average weekly earnings?	Unpaid
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?	

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Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

Name of organisation	Cambridge University - Sainsbury Laboratory
What does the organisation do?	Plants and microbial research
Where were you located?	Queens' College, Cambridge
What did you do?	Photolithography optimisation and micro-fabrication.
For how long did you do it?	9 - 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.)?	I experienced what it is like to do research at lab.
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;References
If you needed a work permit or special visa, how did you obtain one?	The laboratory did not ask for that.

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	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?	

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

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Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

Name of organisation	Cambridge University Department of Engineering - Dynamics and Vibration Research Group
What does the organisation do?	The work of the group is directed at the many challenging dynamics and vibration problems associated with the design of modern engineering structures and transportation systems, and ranges from long-term fundamental research to shorter term applied research aimed at a specific industrial need
Where were you located?	Cambridge
What did you do?	Began design and development of a new datalogger program in Python, for use in the group's research and teaching.
For how long did you do it?	9 - 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.)?	Insight into what it's like working in research. Software development experience - creating and refining specifications, development, testing. Improved knowledge and ability with Python, particularly in object-oriented and user interface design.
What were your average weekly earnings?	Unpaid
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?	Part of the UROP programme - a similar project may run again in future
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
Do you have any other comments regarding your experience?	

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Engineering Tripos Penultimate

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Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

Name of organisation	Cambridge Volunteers Nepal
What does the organisation do?	Cambridge Volunteers Nepal is organised by the charity HVP-UK (Hindu Vidyapeeth School) which has a number of schools in Nepal with long term connections with Oxford and Cambridge University. For over 30 years they have sent students out from Oxford and Cambridge for 6 weeks in the summer. I taught English and Social Studies to 11 and 14 year olds.
Where were you located?	Balkumari, Kathmandu, Nepal
What did you do?	As I was volunteering, I raised £400 for the school to contribute to the school's refurbishment, which was hit badly from the 2015 Kathmandu Earthquake. I did this by organising a music fundraiser which had over 10 performances and a raffle at the end. I also set up a Just Giving page where friends and family contributed to the donation. Alongside my role in teaching lessons, I worked alongside Nepali teachers in discovering new pedagogical approaches to create new and exciting ways to improve the quality and impact of teaching in the school. One method which was widely favoured was the increase of engagement in the classroom. I did this through debating classes and post-discussion groups. As rote-learning still remains a prevalent and ingrained method of teaching in Nepal, it was rewarding to explore with the children a more active and engaging role that education can have. Education and teaching was seen with great respect and admiration. I was given the opportunity to participate in local festivals, the most rewarding and enriching being National Teacher's Day, where I and the other teachers & volunteers were greeted with cake, songs, music, and dance. Furthermore, I was required to compose, invigilate, and mark the end-of-year Social Studies and English exams for the students. This was an extremely rewarding experience as it enabled me to compose questions which challenged the critical engagement of the children as practiced in the debating and discussion groups. The children aptly engaged with the questions and many scored very highly.
For how long did you do it?	4 - 8 weeks
In which vacation?	Summer
How did you first find out about this opportunity?	Social Media - LinkedIn, Facebook, Twitter etc

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<p>What did you personally gain from the experience (insights, skills etc.)?</p>	<p>The experience equipped me with a variety of new skills, while heightening others. For example, my leadership skills were massively enhanced through the responsibility I had of preparing and delivering four/five lessons a week. My confidence levels were massively boosted by this, especially as through introducing debating lessons the children were more engaged and co-operative with my pedagogy. On a more practical level, my organisation and time-management skills were developed as I was solely in charge of every lesson and had to make sure that every student was understanding me. The language (and dialectic - I'm from Ireland!) barrier was a challenge at the start, however, I overcame this by asking them questions about their local culture and background, in order to immerse myself - rather than attempt to immerse them in my cultural context - in their cultural position. Most importantly, the insight I gained from this experience was one of teacher appreciation. In the UK, I believe, we do not support or value the teaching profession. Teaching in Nepal is considered as a massively respected profession as teachers are held-up as the bearers and givers of knowledge. With education seen as a massive platform for social transformation in Nepal (considering their history with conflict) teaching and education is considered an important gift for children. The philosophy of the school fostered this appreciation of education and learning through their daily reflection classes, where children were taught and engaged in discussion of topical issues such as cultural diversity. Although education remains vastly underfunded in Nepal, this did not translate to the hope and philosophy of the HVP school in Kathmandu. With classroom sizes reaching to over 40 with only 1 teacher, the school taught important life lessons to the children like patience and kindness. It was the most incredible summer immersing myself in a completely different culture, while sharing my own experience of education with the children. I fell in love with Nepal and the HVP school, and it is a summer I will never forget.</p>
<p>What were your average weekly earnings?</p>	<p>Unpaid</p>
<p>How long in advance did you start to arrange this experience?</p>	<p>7-9 months</p>
<p>Do you think this opportunity might be available to other Cambridge students?</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>As a result of this experience were you offered anything?</p>	<p>None of the above</p>
<p>If you needed a work permit or special visa, how did you obtain one?</p>	<p>I obtained my Nepali Visa at the airport.</p>
<p>Which year of your University course were you in when you arranged it?</p>	<p>First</p>

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Which year did you have this experience?	2017
Do you have any other comments regarding your experience?	Though I did not hear about this experience through the Career Service, I feel that it is important to share my experience in order for other people to know about the programme and the incredible opportunities it offers. It would be great if the Careers S

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Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

Name of organisation	Cambridge Youth Summer Camps
What does the organisation do?	CYSC is a three-week English summer camp for Chinese students held annually in Kunming, Yunnan, China. It aims to inculcate confidence and improve the English-language communication skills of its students through interactive classroom lessons and fun enrichment activities.
Where were you located?	Kunming, Yunnan, China.
What did you do?	As a Tutor (similar role to Summer Camp Counsellor), I was involved in:- Planning and facilitating lessons and enrichment activities, working together with the native British teachers- Bridging cultural and language gaps between the native British teachers and the native Chinese students and logistics staff- Communicating with parents, updating them on their child's progress and addressing their concerns- Pastoral care of students
For how long did you do it?	1 - 3 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.)?	This was my first time being involved in a teaching/educational role. I discovered that I was better at it than I expected-- I was driven by a sense of meaning and purpose, and I pushed myself to go the extra mile, such as by reviewing lesson plans and proposals for evening activities till late at night, in order to create a meaningful experience for the students. I discovered my strength in mentoring and caring for people younger than I am. I felt particularly accomplished to see my students progress in their ability to express themselves in English, come out of their shells and grow in confidence as a result of what I taught them. I also discovered my aptitude in English and Mandarin bilingualism and in understanding both cultures, and I enjoyed using my skills to 'bridge' people from the East and the West.
What were your average weekly earnings?	Expenses only
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

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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?	I required a Chinese visa which I applied for on my own with a supporting letter provided by the company that ran the camp.
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	Camp hidden meadows
What does the organisation do?	Sleepaway summer camp
Where were you located?	Bartow west Virginia
What did you do?	Camp counsellor, taught art and managed campers.
For how long did you do it?	9 - 12 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.)?	Lots of good communication! Negotiation skills and a better understanding of leadership as it applies with both children and adults
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?	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?	

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Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

Name of organisation	Challenge (The)
What does the organisation do?	Charity aiming to reduce social division and increase social mobility. Runs the government's National Citizens Service programme in much of the country, as well as other initiatives.
Where were you located?	Working in London the majority of the time, with residential periods in Wales (transport from London provided)
What did you do?	Senior Mentor on the National Citizens Service programme. In this programme, 16 years olds spend one week doing adventure activities on a residential trip, then one week learning skills that make them a better citizen, then one week using these skills to implement a project to help a local charity. Senior mentors are in charge of a group of 12 of these young people. They facilitate activities and look after welfare. I did two lots of the NCS programme.
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.)?	Leadership skills from being responsible for the development of 12 young people. The opportunity to do some fun activities such as kayaking alongside the young people (although also sit through some fairly tedious classroom sessions). The insight that people who work with young people are dramatically overpaid for the amount of stress that they have to take on!
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?	None of the above

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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?	First
Which year did you have this experience?	2018
Do you have any other comments regarding your experience?	The Challenge have plenty of these roles to fill and have a very open recruitment process.

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

Mod & Med Langs Tripos Other

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Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

Name of organisation	CHaOS
What does the organisation do?	Demonstrate fun science experiments to children in schools around the country, and also to families at public events - (hopefully) enthuse and encourage children to think about science as a career
Where were you located?	I was on the summer roadshow, so we moved around the UK. One week we were based around Diss (England), one weekend Bristol (England) then South Wales around Cardiff.
What did you do?	Demonstrated science experiments in schools during the week- the same but to the public on weekends- Camped nearby
For how long did you do it?	1 - 3 weeks
In which vacation?	Summer
How did you first find out about this opportunity?	Signed up to organisation emails at Freshers' week
What did you personally gain from the experience (insights, skills etc.)?	Communication skills- Experience camping!- Working with children - Further understanding of my subject - An experience of what teaching or working in education / science communication might be like
What were your average weekly earnings?	Expenses only
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?	NANeeded a DBS - already had one via CUSU

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):

Natural Sciences Tripos Penultimate

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Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

Name of organisation	Chinese University of Hong Kong
What does the organisation do?	University/research institution
Where were you located?	Hong Kong
What did you do?	Research project at the School of Biomedical Sciences
For how long did you do it?	9 - 12 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.)?	Valuable research experience in a laboratory setting, both wet and dry laboratory work
What were your average weekly earnings?	
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?	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):

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Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

Name of organisation	Citibank
What does the organisation do?	Financial services
Where were you located?	London, United Kingdom
What did you do?	Spring week internship, had talks and games based on the job and some work shadowing. Also did a week long project on new banking regulations
For how long did you do it?	Up to 1 week
In which vacation?	Easter
How did you first find out about this opportunity?	Online searching inc. organisation websites
What did you personally gain from the experience (insights, skills etc.)?	Learnt what the different departments in a bank do and was fast tracked to the summer internship program for this year
What were your average weekly earnings?	Unpaid
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
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):

Economics Tripos Penultimate

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Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

Name of organisation	Come in out japan
What does the organisation do?	Internship teaching English as a volunteer in japan
Where were you located?	Tokyo & Sapporo, Japan
What did you do?	Teach English to teens to a prewritten syllabus
For how long did you do it?	4 - 8 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.)?	A cheap experience of an amazing culture
What were your average weekly earnings?	Expenses only
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
If you needed a work permit or special visa, how did you obtain one?	N/a

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):

Hum, Soc & Pol Sciences Tripos Other

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Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

Name of organisation	Come on Out Japan
What does the organisation do?	The organisation provided a 6 week teaching programme in Japan, in which interns were to improve Japanese student's confidence in their own English abilities through a series of workshops, speaking and writing activities, and presentations.
Where were you located?	Shinjuku, Japan
What did you do?	Every week, I taught a new group of Japanese students from 10am to 5.30pm. The sessions included activities that improved the students social and political awareness of the world, fluency in English conversational skills, team-building and presentation skills.
For how long did you do it?	4 - 8 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.)?	I was able to improve my teaching abilities, particularly as I was teaching a group of students who were of a completely different culture to mine. The flexibility of my teaching skills also improved too; every week the English abilities of my students were different so adapting my teaching style to different capabilities became imperative. I also improved my team-building skills, as I was required to co-teach with fellow interns, requiring further flexibility to incorporate other's teaching styles, as well as leadership skills by leading the direction of activities throughout the day.
What were your average weekly earnings?	Expenses only
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?	None of the above

Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

If you needed a work permit or special visa, how did you obtain one?	N/A
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):

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Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

Name of organisation	Cosworth
What does the organisation do?	Software for Automotive Engineering
Where were you located?	Cambridge
What did you do?	Build a simulation system for a variety of cars, including prototype supercars.
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.)?	An insight into development practices at a firm specialising in software. Experience of working as part of a larger team, and the development methodologies this requires.
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
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):

Computer Science Tripos Penultimate

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Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

Name of organisation	Creams Cafe and Deliveroo
What does the organisation do?	Creams cafe is a dessert chain known for its gelato and deliveroo is a food delivery service.
Where were you located?	Ilford and South Woodford
What did you do?	For creams I was a kitchen porter so took food to the tables, washed plates and cutlery and dealt with any problems that the customers had. For deliveroo, I delivered a variety of different foods to customers
For how long did you do it?	4 - 8 weeks
In which vacation?	Summer
How did you first find out about this opportunity?	Online searching inc. organisation websites
What did you personally gain from the experience (insights, skills etc.)?	Good composure under pressure when there shop was busy. Improved efficiency in order to make more per hour for deliveroo
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?	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?	

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

Chem Eng via Nat Sciences Other

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Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

Name of organisation	CU Help
What does the organisation do?	CU Help links with the Mondo Foundation, an organisation in Nepal that aims to provide aid and financial support to people living in the Helambu region of Nepal. They do this through various schemes, such as the 'School in a Bag' programme, where students are given educational resources, or by funding the building of new schools, which is especially important after the 2015 earthquake which devastated large areas of Nepal. They also send volunteers mainly from the UK, but also elsewhere, to volunteer as teachers in rural schools in the Helambu region.
Where were you located?	A village called Chamkhu, near Melamchi, in the Helambu region of Nepal.
What did you do?	Me and my volunteering partner spent a month teaching in a rural school, mainly teaching English but also drawing and music. We stayed with a local family who fed us and cared for us. After this, we travelled around Nepal and India for some time.
For how long did you do it?	4 - 8 weeks
In which vacation?	Easter
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.)?	I gained an awareness of the importance of humanitarian aid and volunteer work, and an insight in the issues or hurdles that must be addressed by a charitable organisation. I also gained an insight into life in a completely new culture, which was really enlightening.
What were your average weekly earnings?	Unpaid
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;References

Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

If you needed a work permit or special visa, how did you obtain one?	Obtained a tourist visa upon arrival in Nepal
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):

Hum, Soc & Pol Sciences Tripos Penultimate

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Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

Name of organisation	Defense Science and Technology Agency
What does the organisation do?	Develops technologies to safeguard the security of Singapore
Where were you located?	Singapore
What did you do?	Develop software for autonomous swarm systems
For how long did you do it?	9 - 12 weeks
In which vacation?	Summer
How did you first find out about this opportunity?	Scholarship
What did you personally gain from the experience (insights, skills etc.)?	Insight on the office culture at DSTA, along with experiences in algorithm writing
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?	Open to Singaporeans and Permanent Residents in Singapore
As a result of this experience were you offered anything?	Financial support / sponsorship during your studies; 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?	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):

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Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

Name of organisation	Deloitte Legal Cyprus
What does the organisation do?	Legal services
Where were you located?	Nicosia, Cyprus
What did you do?	Intellectual property law, mooting, educational seminars
For how long did you do it?	1 - 3 weeks
In which vacation?	Summer
How did you first find out about this opportunity?	Online searching inc. organisation websites
What did you personally gain from the experience (insights, skills etc.)?	Valuable insight into the work of corporate law in Cyprus.
What were your average weekly earnings?	Unpaid
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?	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):

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Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

Name of organisation	Dubravushka Summer Camp
What does the organisation do?	English Language summer school for Russian school Children
Where were you located?	Obninsk, Moscow
What did you do?	Taught children aged 5-13 English in hour long classes from 9 until 2, then helped out with activities in the camp until late evening
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.)?	Greater awareness of Russian culture. Experience teaching and working in adverse conditions
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
If you needed a work permit or special visa, how did you obtain one?	Visa required to visit Russia; organised for primarily by organisation- all had to do was put in details, pay and pick up. Organisation reimbursed costs

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):

Mod & Med Langs Tripos Other

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Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

Name of organisation	EC English
What does the organisation do?	Leads summer camps for young people to improve their English Language.
Where were you located?	Cambridge
What did you do?	I led activities when the young people weren't in class, and had a pastoral role living with and taking care of the students.
For how long did you do it?	1 - 3 weeks
In which vacation?	Summer
How did you first find out about this opportunity?	Online searching inc. organisation websites
What did you personally gain from the experience (insights, skills etc.)?	It really helped me develop my teamwork and communication skills, and I experienced a high intensity professional environment
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?	References
If you needed a work permit or special visa, how did you obtain one?	N/A

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):

English Tripos Penultimate

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Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

Name of organisation	Education Partnerships Africa
What does the organisation do?	Invested money in rural secondary schools in Kenya and Uganda to improve quality of health and education.
Where were you located?	Mbarara, Uganda
What did you do?	Designed and implemented projects that would improve quality of health and education for students.
For how long did you do it?	9 - 12 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.)?	Lots of new skills- leadership, finance management, interpersonal etc. New insight into a completely different culture.
What were your average weekly earnings?	Unpaid
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?	None as of yet but it will certainly help.
If you needed a work permit or special visa, how did you obtain one?	Bought a visa.

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):

Geographical Tripos Penultimate

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Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

Name of organisation	Educational Testing Service
What does the organisation do?	World's largest non-profit company for educational testing and assessment, responsible for producing university admissions exams like SATs and the GRE, as well as English language tests like TOEFL and TOEIC.
Where were you located?	Princeton, New Jersey (USA)
What did you do?	I was part of a team of interns working at the English Language Learning Summer Institute, where I was producing test materials for the Writing section of TOEFL (an exam taken by people who want to study at English-speaking universities). This included coming up with topic ideas, researching topics, writing short texts and lecture transcripts, trying out questions with other interns, giving feedback, and analysing test-takers' responses.
For how long did you do it?	4 - 8 weeks
In which vacation?	Summer
How did you first find out about this opportunity?	Online searching inc. organisation websites
What did you personally gain from the experience (insights, skills etc.)?	I gained huge amounts of insight into the world of testing and assessment (more interesting than it might sound!), especially into how much thought goes into making sure that high-stakes assessments are fair for all test-takers. Most of the other interns were students or recent graduates in subjects related to education and linguistics, so I learned a lot about different potential career paths in these fields from them. There was also plenty of opportunity to meet people working in different areas of the organisation (statistical analysis, NLP research, curriculum design) through weekly seminars and social events. My written communication skills definitely improved hugely, as I learned to write clearly and concisely for particular audiences. I also learned a lot about giving and receiving constructive criticism. I was able to use some of my salary for travelling around the US East Coast at weekends, which was extremely rewarding.
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

Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

As a result of this experience were you offered anything?	Further vacation experience;Helpful contacts
If you needed a work permit or special visa, how did you obtain one?	The internship was paid so I needed a special visa to work in the US. I applied for a J-1 (exchange visitor) visa through a sponsor organisation. I was only eligible for this visa type because the internship was relevant to my degree subject (Linguistics)
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):

Linguistics Tripos Penultimate

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Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

Name of organisation	ESF Capital
What does the organisation do?	They underwrite loans to SMEs.
Where were you located?	London
What did you do?	I carried out industry researchers. I took part in a project on evaluating credit risk scoring companies.
For how long did you do it?	9 - 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.)?	I learnt how to evaluate markets and developed an understanding of credit risk scores.
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?	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):

Economics Tripos Penultimate

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Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

Name of organisation	Eton College
What does the organisation do?	Senior school for priveleged
Where were you located?	Slough, England
What did you do?	Assistant at a summer course for Japanese secondary-school students. Helping out with activities and lessons.
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 - friends, family
What did you personally gain from the experience (insights, skills etc.)?	Skills communicating to non-fluent English speakers. Knowledge about Japanese students' life.
What were your average weekly earnings?	£250 - £399
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?	Further vacation experience;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):

Natural Sciences Tripos Penultimate

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Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

Name of organisation	EY Law Cyprus
What does the organisation do?	Legal services
Where were you located?	Nicosia, Cyprus
What did you do?	Worked closely with lawyers in intellectual property, data protection and corporate law.
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 - friends, family
What did you personally gain from the experience (insights, skills etc.)?	Numerous opportunities to familiarise myself with the everyday work of a corporate lawyer.
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?	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?	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):

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Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

Name of organisation	Fagun Foundation
What does the organisation do?	From their website: THE FAGUN FOUNDATION IS A NON-PROFIT ORGANISATION DEDICATED TO EMPOWERING GIRLS AND WOMEN OF ALL AGES ACROSS THE GLOBE, THROUGH CREATIVITY AND ARTS AWARENESS. Through our creative education outreach and our provision of a supportive global network and community, the Foundation facilitates opportunities for women worldwide to express themselves, enabling them to grow and achieve their full potential. The programmes encourage both personal and professional development and well being.
Where were you located?	I worked from my home in Bucharest, Romania.
What did you do?	I helped organise the Foundation's first event in London in September by sending out emails to venues and creative practitioners whom we wanted as speakers.
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.)?	Insight into how to organise an event in London.
What were your average weekly earnings?	Unpaid
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

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?	First
Which year did you have this experience?	2018
Do you have any other comments regarding your experience?	I went into this opportunity thinking it was an internship as per advertised. I have recently found out it has actually been volunteer work since I was working remotely. This is rather disappointing.

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

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Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

Name of organisation	Food angel (HK)
What does the organisation do?	Distribute free hot meals to the elderly and other people in need in the local area
Where were you located?	Hong Kong
What did you do?	Chop up vegetables, preparing meal boxes
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.)?	Working efficiently under pressure to meet quota of meal boxes required each day
What were your average weekly earnings?	Unpaid
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?	

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

Mathematical Tripos Penultimate

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Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

Name of organisation	Forest Hill Nursing Home
What does the organisation do?	It is a private nursing home that looks after elderly people with need for full time nursing care in their final years of life.
Where were you located?	Near Poole in Dorset
What did you do?	Worked as a carer.
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.)?	Confidence, experience in a health care environment, developed communication skills and stamina.
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?	I will work there in future holidays
If you needed a work permit or special visa, how did you obtain one?	N/A

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):

Med and Vet Sci Tripos (Med) Penultimate

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Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

Name of organisation	Gelmetix
What does the organisation do?	Medtech start-up
Where were you located?	London
What did you do?	Helped with company's publicity and communications strategy - varied from contacting investors to launching a strategy for the company's LinkedIn profile
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 - friends, family
What did you personally gain from the experience (insights, skills etc.)?	Insight into strategy work (something id never done before and enjoyed more than expected), plus gained communication and presentation skills via collaboration with company's Head of Strategy
What were your average weekly earnings?	Unpaid
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?	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?	

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Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

Name of organisation	Genpol
What does the organisation do?	Think tank for gender equality.
Where were you located?	I worked from home so Market Drayton England.
What did you do?	I read articles and then wrote literature reviews about some specific issues regarding gender ie gender and creativity.
For how long did you do it?	4 - 8 weeks
In which vacation?	Summer
How did you first find out about this opportunity?	I went to a genpol event in Cambridge and was inspired so asked about internships.
What did you personally gain from the experience (insights, skills etc.)?	I've gained an insight into how a Think Tank functions. I've also now become part of the Genpol organisation providing opportunities such as taking part in their mentoring scheme.
What were your average weekly earnings?	Unpaid
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?	Na

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):

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Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

Name of organisation	Gotoco
What does the organisation do?	Volunteering projects in China. Teaching English and earning a TEFL certificate.
Where were you located?	Beijing, China
What did you do?	Volunteered at an English language summer camp for Chinese children for 5 weeks. Did activities and team building exercises with them, as well as helping with English classes.
For how long did you do it?	4 - 8 weeks
In which vacation?	Summer
How did you first find out about this opportunity?	Freshers' fair
What did you personally gain from the experience (insights, skills etc.)?	Teamwork skills, language skills, confidence, independence, 'people skills'.
What were your average weekly earnings?	Unpaid
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?	Further vacation experience
If you needed a work permit or special visa, how did you obtain one?	Gotoco provided info to help with the Chinese visa application

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	Gotoco
What does the organisation do?	Find teaching placements for volunteers in China
Where were you located?	Yangshuo, China
What did you do?	Taught English to children in a summer camp.
For how long did you do it?	4 - 8 weeks
In which vacation?	Summer
How did you first find out about this opportunity?	Freshers Fair
What did you personally gain from the experience (insights, skills etc.)?	Teaching experience, TEFL, confidence, problem-solving, flexibility, experince a new culture
What were your average weekly earnings?	Unpaid
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?	They have a partner company that offered visa services at a discounted price

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	HCPT
What does the organisation do?	HCPT takes disabled and disadvantaged children to Lourdes for a week-long pilgrimage holiday.
Where were you located?	Lourdes
What did you do?	I had personal responsibility for one child, as well as working as part of a larger group.
For how long did you do it?	Up to 1 week
In which vacation?	Easter
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.)?	Teamwork was a key part of the week in Lourdes; knowing when to offer assistance to other helpers and when to ask for assistance in turn.
What were your average weekly earnings?	Unpaid
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?	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?	
Do you have any other comments regarding your experience?	

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Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

Name of organisation	Helambu Education and Livelihood Project (HELP)
What does the organisation do?	HELP is a small grassroots Nepali charity whose aim is to improve the quality of education in remote villages in the Helambu region. It has a policy of no admin fees, which means that all funds are invested directly into the schools and the students.
Where were you located?	Nakote (in the Helambu region, 80km North-East of Kathmandu)
What did you do?	I spent-four weeks volunteering in a remote village called Nakote in the Helambu region, a mountainous region about eighty kilometres North-East of Kathmandu. I worked there as a full-time teacher, in the small and only school in the valley. Due to the lack of teachers, I was teaching almost all subjects, namely English, Maths, Science, Social Studies (a mix of Geography, History, Politics, and Religion), General Knowledge, and occasionally Computer Science (which is not easy when you do not have a computer to illustrate your explanations...). I taught classes 1 to 8. The week starts on Sunday in Nepal, with six days of school per week.
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 - Cambridge alumni, GradLink, College networks
What did you personally gain from the experience (insights, skills etc.)?	This trip exceeded all my expectations, and gave me the opportunity to develop my organisation skills and to gain more self-confidence. I had the change to live with a Nepali family and thus to experience first-hand the Nepali culture, to learn more about Buddhism and Hinduism, and even to learn a bit of Hyolmo (the local dialect) and Nepali. It was an extremely rewarding and enriching experience both on a personal and professional level. Not only did I learn a lot about new cultures and customs, this experience also helped me broaden some of the knowledge I had acquired through my course in first-year, in both the human and physical geography papers.
What were your average weekly earnings?	Unpaid
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

Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

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?	I needed a visa to enter Nepal - which can be obtained from any Nepalese embassy (costs will vary according to how long you plan on staying in Nepal).
Which year of your University course were you in when you arranged it?	First
Which year did you have this experience?	2017
Do you have any other comments regarding your experience?	

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Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

Name of organisation	HELP (Helambu Education Livelihood Partnership)
What does the organisation do?	HELP was established after the 2015 earthquake that hit Nepal, thus its focus surrounds educational development in areas of the Helambu region most devastated by the natural hazard. Students from Cambridge and Durham can apply to join the volunteer program and will be assisted by HELP to implement a 4 week teaching initiative in a rural school. In addition to organising its volunteers over parts of rural Nepal to physically teach and interact with children over the 4 weeks, HELP uses fundraised money (£300 minimum per volunteer) to fund teachers that do not have supported salaries from the government, fund the rebuilding of devastated schools to an appropriate earthquake proof standard, and takes supplies such as bags, pens, dictionaries and new technologies to the local villages living in poverty.
Where were you located?	I was located in Nepal, in the Panch Pokhari region, Sindhupalchowk District. This was around an 10 hour drive from Kathmandu into the hills.

Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

<p>What did you do?</p>	<p>In short, my trip to Nepal was certainly an unfamiliar but incredible experience, comprising predominantly of Dal Bhat (plain rice and lentils), hikes up vertical 'hills' and through paddy fields, cultural enrichment from temple visits and numerous festivals and most importantly of education I gave to children deeply affected by the earthquake that struck Nepal in 2015. However, the five weeks for which I was in Nepal was more than just trying local food, learning about Nepalese culture and teaching English to less advantaged children. It was 5 weeks of understanding the lives of those living in excluded rural villages, cut off from any form of western civilisation and modern technology. From living amongst the local villagers, with the most welcoming host family and being surrounded by the children from Shree Naulingeshwory Basic School all day, I was exposed to a completely new way of life, one that had few demands and relied solely on subsistence farming and the surrounding nature. I was introduced to our host family, Didi, Di, Saramila and Bijan, who owned a 'hotel' and one of the two 'shops' in the village. I helped cook with Didi despite the lack of any ingredients she could access and the absence of an oven, fridge and electricity. I bought coloured paper, pens, playing cards, a kite and other toys to play with our sister and brother, and spent a lots of time with goats, monkeys and leeches.. Some evenings I would play cards with local villages, dance with the family or drink beer and chat with Di- who could speak more English than the English teacher (I now also know 100 Nepali words after having to learn quickly to help converse with the locals). The language barrier meant that a lot of the teaching relied on repetition of what I was saying and copying from the broken whiteboard that kept falling off the branches from which they were hung, rather than the children actually understanding what they were being taught. I hoped that the English teacher would translate some sentences but he had VERY minimal English language skills. Eventually we used drawings and actions to portray what we were teaching them, and focused on pronunciation. I introduced audience participation, clapping and stickers to engage the students, and bought in a blow-up globe to teach them about the wider world outside of, not even Nepal but, their own village. Very few children knew what England was, and only really knew of China in terms of other countries, with few of them ever even having gone to the capital of Nepal, Kathmandu. It was also challenging to teach the nursery class when none of them had any equipment to learn with; many used the tiniest bit of lead that had fallen out of the actual pencil, and only had one scrap of dirty paper to write on. It was unbelievable to see how the children still turned up for school every day with a smile on their face, in the same clothes they had been wearing for 4 weeks straight, wanting to learn. The last week of the trip, entailed visiting the sights of Kathmandu, back in a place with running water, restaurants and continuous electricity. Despite this, the roads were still manic, cables and wires were hanging in stacks over the road and poverty was still very much in surrounding view. I had a debrief over dinner with the other volunteers, shared stories and contributed improvements for the school and ideas to help the teachers educate their students more effectively. The last few days consisted of visiting temples populated by monkeys, visiting Bhaktapur (an ancient city in the Kathmandu valley where the King once lived, however where his palace and surrounding temples had been severely destroyed by the devastating 2015 earthquake).</p>
<p>For how long did you do it?</p>	<p>4 - 8 weeks</p>
<p>In which vacation?</p>	<p>Summer</p>

Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

<p>How did you first find out about this opportunity?</p>	<p>Social Media - LinkedIn, Facebook, Twitter etc</p>
<p>What did you personally gain from the experience (insights, skills etc.)?</p>	<p>In short, my trip to Nepal was certainly an unfamiliar but incredible experience, comprising predominantly of Dal Bhat (plain rice and lentils), hikes up vertical 'hills' and through paddy fields, cultural enrichment from temple visits and numerous festivals and most importantly of education I gave to children deeply affected by the earthquake that struck Nepal in 2015. However, the five weeks for which I was in Nepal was more than just trying local food, learning about Nepalese culture and teaching English to less advantaged children. It was 5 weeks of understanding the lives of those living in excluded rural villages, cut off from any form of western civilisation and modern technology. From living amongst the local villagers, with the most welcoming host family and being surrounded by the children from Shree Naulingeshwory Basic School all day, I was exposed to a completely new way of life, one that had few demands and relied solely on subsistence farming and the surrounding nature. I was introduced to our host family, Didi, Di, Saramila and Bijan, who owned a 'hotel' and one of the two 'shops' in the village. I helped cook with Didi despite the lack of any ingredients she could access and the absence of an oven, fridge and electricity. I bought coloured paper, pens, playing cards, a kite and other toys to play with our sister and brother, and spent a lots of time with goats, monkeys and leeches.. Some evenings I would play cards with local villages, dance with the family or drink beer and chat with Di- who could speak more English than the English teacher! (I now also know 100 Nepali words after having to learn quickly to help converse with the locals). The language barrier meant that a lot of the teaching relied on repetition of what I was saying and copying from the broken whiteboard that kept falling off the branches from which they were hung, rather than the children actually understanding what they were being taught. I hoped that the English teacher would translate some sentences but he had VERY minimal English language skills. Eventually we used drawings and actions to portray what we were teaching them, and focused on pronunciation. I introduced audience participation, clapping and stickers to engage the students, and bought in a blow-up globe to teach them about the wider world outside of, not even Nepal but, their own village. Very few children knew what England was, and only really knew of China in terms of other countries, with few of them ever even having gone to the capital of Nepal, Kathmandu. It was also challenging to teach the nursery class when none of them had any equipment to learn with; many used the tiniest bit of lead that had fallen out of the actual pencil, and only had one scrap of dirty paper to write on. It was unbelievable to see how the children still turned up for school every day with a smile on their face, in the same clothes they had been wearing for 4 weeks straight, wanting to learn. The last week of the trip, entailed visiting the sights of Kathmandu, back in a place with running water, restaurants and continuous electricity. Despite this, the roads were still manic, cables and wires were hanging in stacks over the road and poverty was still very much in surrounding view. I had a debrief over dinner with the other volunteers, shared stories and contributed improvements for the school and ideas to help the teachers educate their students more effectively. The last few days consisted of visiting temples populated by monkeys, visiting Bhaktapur (an ancient city in the Kathmandu valley where the King once lived, however where his palace and surrounding temples had been severely destroyed by the devastating 2015 earthquake).</p>
<p>What were your average weekly earnings?</p>	<p>Unpaid</p>

Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

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?	Helpful contacts
If you needed a work permit or special visa, how did you obtain one?	Purchased a visa at the airport in Kathmandu.
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	Hong Kong Broadband Network
What does the organisation do?	As an major Internet Service Provider in Hong Kong
Where were you located?	Kwai Chung, Hong Kong
What did you do?	Testing and proposing new devices involving 5G network technology and low-power wide-area network (LPWAN), network infrastructure and attending business events.
For how long did you do it?	4 - 8 weeks
In which vacation?	Summer
How did you first find out about this opportunity?	Online searching inc. organisation websites
What did you personally gain from the experience (insights, skills etc.)?	Insights into the TMT industry, understanding of internet from a point of ISP and social skills.
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?	
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?	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):

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Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

Name of organisation	ITER
What does the organisation do?	Worlds largest fusion experiment.
Where were you located?	Marseilles, France
What did you do?	Programming project
For how long did you do it?	4 - 8 weeks
In which vacation?	Summer
How did you first find out about this opportunity?	Online searching inc. organisation websites
What did you personally gain from the experience (insights, skills etc.)?	Gained insight into science industry, skills in programming/ project research, understood importance of science communication.
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?	Fast track through recruitment process;Helpful contacts;References
If you needed a work permit or special visa, how did you obtain one?	online research

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):

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Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

Name of organisation	Justice For A Better World
What does the organisation do?	It is a global charity that works on poverty, education, immigration, community engagement and a wide range of local and global issues.
Where were you located?	London
What did you do?	I helped them research for a project. Unfortunately I did not get to do very much in this internship due to the disorganisation of this organisation (see below).
For how long did you do it?	4 - 8 weeks
In which vacation?	Summer
How did you first find out about this opportunity?	Online searching inc. organisation websites
What did you personally gain from the experience (insights, skills etc.)?	Unfortunately I didn't gain much from this work experience. This work experience was titled a 'multidisciplinary internship' which made it sound very structured and interesting, but in reality it was very disorganised- I didn't find this out until I met the person in charge. I thought it would be an office job, but I was expected to do the work from my home. I only met one person from this charity, who gave me my first set of tasks. However, I wasn't contacted very often, nor did they check up on my progress as they promised, and I wasn't given the resources and information I needed to do the research and tasks for the project. It was difficult to get in touch with the main contact, and even when they asked me several times to switch to a different project and continue working for them (which I was evidently hesitant about and they ignored this), they still did not provide me with the resources or support that I needed. Some of the tasks they gave me were out of the realms of my ability, especially as a fresher and someone who was unpaid.
What were your average weekly earnings?	Expenses only
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?	Although the person in charge said they could offer me a job when we first met, it wasn't a solid offer. Plus, considering how little support I received during my internship, I don't think I want to work with this organisation.;A job offer

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?	First
Which year did you have this experience?	2018
Do you have any other comments regarding your experience?	I would say be careful when applying for voluntary/charity internships- do your research and ask them questions if you want to ensure the organisation is legit and will actually support you during the internship in a way that allows you to actually get so

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Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

Name of organisation	Kate Hollern's Constituency Office
What does the organisation do?	Assist Kate Hollern MP in her constituency duties.
Where were you located?	Blackburn, Lancashire
What did you do?	Assisted Kate Hollern MP by replying to constituents on her behalf via letters, emails and phone calls. Helped to craft suitable responses to campaign and lobbying cases based on Labour Party policy. Shadowed Kate at an advice surgery.
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 - friends, family
What did you personally gain from the experience (insights, skills etc.)?	Good insight into local politics.
What were your average weekly earnings?	Unpaid
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?	Further vacation experience; 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?	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	Mange2
What does the organisation do?	The organisation runs a deli and also puts on events such as weddings, parties and funerals.
Where were you located?	Alresford
What did you do?	My work covered a lot of areas predominantly working as a dishwasher in the kitchens or working at events as well as working in the warehouse preparing for events, working behind the till of the deli or doing deliveries around the countryside.
For how long did you do it?	9 - 12 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.)?	To be honest the biggest thing I got was money which I need for term time at Cambridge, I've also made friends with a lot of great people that live round me and always have a job as I get on with my bosses.
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?	A job offer; Further vacation experience
If you needed a work permit or special visa, how did you obtain one?	I just needed the standard p45 form which I got from online.

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):

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Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

Name of organisation	Medical Research Council Laboratory for Molecular Biology
What does the organisation do?	Research in biochemical and biophysical sciences
Where were you located?	Cambridge
What did you do?	About a month was doing simple dogs-body work for a postdoc I was with, then I was given an experiment to conduct and writeup for the last two months.
For how long did you do it?	9 - 12 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.)?	Gained insight into lab based research as a career and whether I like it, also basic lab skills and understanding of how to be part of a group and conduct lengthy experiments.
What were your average weekly earnings?	< £249
How long in advance did you start to arrange this experience?	10-12 months
Do you think this opportunity might be available to other Cambridge students?	Speculative applications are the best way to go I think, alternatively there are more competitive placements also available.
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?	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	Met Office
What does the organisation do?	UK's meteorological and climate research and public information. Informs gov policy on weather, risk and climate change.
Where were you located?	Exeter Devon
What did you do?	Worked with the policy and integration team and the climate science department to produce a policy card on the 1.5 degrees target of warming
For how long did you do it?	Up to 1 week
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.)?	Understood the importance of policy making. Learnt how to translate science into something concrete. Developed my design and communication skills
What were your average weekly earnings?	Unpaid
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
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):

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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?	
Do you have any other comments regarding your experience?	

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Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

Name of organisation	Morgan Stanley
What does the organisation do?	Investment management
Where were you located?	Budapest, Hungary
What did you do?	Real Estate modelling/reporting internship
For how long did you do it?	9 - 12 weeks
In which vacation?	Summer
How did you first find out about this opportunity?	Future:Hungary Conference
What did you personally gain from the experience (insights, skills etc.)?	Commercial awareness, full-time job experience, technical skills
What were your average weekly earnings?	< £249
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;Further vacation experience;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?	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):

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Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

Name of organisation	Moscow Higher School of Economics
What does the organisation do?	It's a university in Moscow, which offered a number of summer school courses to international students.
Where were you located?	Moscow, Russia.
What did you do?	I participated in a course on Russian history from the Kievan Rus' to the death of Stalin, consisting of lectures, seminars, and trips to educational sites in Moscow.
For how long did you do it?	1 - 3 weeks
In which vacation?	Summer
How did you first find out about this opportunity?	Online searching inc. organisation websites
What did you personally gain from the experience (insights, skills etc.)?	I gained a great deal of knowledge about Russian history, historiography, and national culture, and improved my Russian language skills.
What were your average weekly earnings?	Unpaid
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;References
If you needed a work permit or special visa, how did you obtain one?	By applying for a student visa with the help of HSE and a reference from one of my previous supervisors.

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	MRC Epidemiology Unit
What does the organisation do?	Scientific research into Epidemiology e.g. studies on genetic/environmental studies of diabetes, proteins affecting cancer which could then be used for detection purposes, hands on laboratory research.
Where were you located?	Cambridge
What did you do?	Worked on a project looking into whether two specific proteins CCL18 and CD44 are biomarkers of cancer and therefore whether they can be used as an early detection method for cancer. Did laboratory work, data analysis and wrote up a report on the project theory, method and results so far. Also did a presentation to some of the researchers and data analysts on the theory, method and results of the project so far.
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.)?	Greater understanding of how research occurs outside the university setting and how to apply theoretical concepts to a contextual setting. Learned about how a project is followed through from initial research to analysis to writing up. Improved my technical laboratory skills, data analysis skills and confidence in presenting to a large audience.
What were your average weekly earnings?	Unpaid
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?	Speculative so would have to just email and find out
As a result of this experience were you offered anything?	Further vacation experience;Helpful contacts;References

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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?	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	Myrtle Software Ltd
What does the organisation do?	Compiles neural networks to run on FPGAs.
Where were you located?	Cambridge, UK
What did you do?	Research into training convolutional neural networks as quickly as possible, trying to understand what each component is doing and so how the architecture could be made better or more efficient.
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.)?	Knowledge of deep learning frameworks (PyTorch), python data analysis (pandas, matplotlib, altair). Experience doing research with some guidance but a good degree of independence.
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?	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?	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	National Citizen Service
What does the organisation do?	National Citizen Service is a government-funded 4-week programme for 15-17 year-olds, involving a week of outdoor activities, a week living in university accommodation and two weeks based in the group's local area carrying out a social action project
Where were you located?	Telford, Shropshire - but different programmes all over the country
What did you do?	I was a senior mentor, which meant I was the leader of a group through the 4-week programme. There are usually 15 sixteen year-olds in each group. I was responsible for resolving conflicts, encouraging the participants to do different activities and guiding them during their social action project (entirely participant-led)
For how long did you do it?	4 - 8 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.)?	I found the experience incredibly rewarding. The amount of confidence that the young people I was working with gained over the four weeks was remarkable. I also learnt a lot about the area I live in; I was educated in the next door county and never really realised how much of a bubble I was brought up in!
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?	Fast track through recruitment process

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If you needed a work permit or special visa, how did you obtain one?	n/a
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	National University Hospital
What does the organisation do?	It is a hospital in Singapore
Where were you located?	Singapore
What did you do?	Shadowed Neurologists and Neurosurgeons to find out more about the work they do
For how long did you do it?	1 - 3 weeks
In which vacation?	Summer
How did you first find out about this opportunity?	Online searching inc. organisation websites
What did you personally gain from the experience (insights, skills etc.)?	I learnt more about the work of neurologists and neurosurgeons, and picked up some clinical skills.
What were your average weekly earnings?	Unpaid
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	NHS
What does the organisation do?	Healthcare
Where were you located?	Cambridge
What did you do?	Shadowed plastic and reconstructive surgeons on ward rounds and in theatre.
For how long did you do it?	Up to 1 week
In which vacation?	Summer
How did you first find out about this opportunity?	I emailed a surgical registrar that I met at a Women in Surgery conference
What did you personally gain from the experience (insights, skills etc.)?	It gave me fantastic insight into the surgical profession, helped me consolidate and apply the anatomy I learnt in first year, and inspired me to work towards surgery as a career.
What were your average weekly earnings?	Unpaid
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?	Further vacation experience; 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?	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	Order of Malta Volunteers
What does the organisation do?	The Order of Malta Volunteers is a Catholic youth charity which offers young people (17-29) the opportunity to care for people with disabilities, while offering the guests we care for a chance to have a fun holiday and allow their carers respite. In Lebanon, the Order of Malta has a purpose built camp in the mountains, the charity takes as many guests as possible (one guest per volunteer with 'floating' volunteers and a chaplain and medical team) from homes in and around Beirut where they experience very little human interaction due to severe short staffing, we take them to this camp for a week and offer them constant human companionship (each guest is assigned a volunteer who sticks with them for over 12 hours a day) and stimulation with music, games, trips to the beach, fashion shows, walks, masses, etc.
Where were you located?	Lebanon (Faraya)
What did you do?	I was assigned a female guest in the first week and was a 'floating' volunteer in my second week. It was a massive learning curve as my female guest was on strong medication (often 12x the strength of usual UK doses) for schizophrenia and as such was quite quiet as well as speaking only limited English. Seeing her come out of her shell and join in the games and activities not only required me to shed my own shy exterior but also to get to know the way she worked in a short space of time and form a bond with her quickly. In the second week as a floating volunteer I was assigned the guests of those who had been on night duty the night before and this was an entirely different challenge as it meant flexibility in terms of care (some of the guests needed much more physical care and different kinds and levels of stimulation) and getting to know the guests and how to best care for them and be their friend in an accelerated period of time. I got particularly close to one of the guests through a shared love of dancing and it was wonderful to get to meet so many people. We'd begin the day with a prayer and briefing at around 7am and then get the guests up and fed and ready for the day's activities, we would be solely in charge of caring for the guest through meals, activities, bathroom activities, etc. until they went to bed after our nightly sing along.
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 - friends, family
What did you personally gain from the experience (insights, skills etc.)?	I learnt some few basic Arabic phrases, got to see an incredible country, made some amazing friends who are like-minded when it comes to helping others, received insight into the lives of people who have extremely different experiences to me (I found it hard to process at times how such wonderful people lived and were treated when in the UK they might only be on some medication or in supervised accommodation as opposed to be so separated from society and intellectual stimulation).

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What were your average weekly earnings?	Unpaid
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?	The charity sorts all of these things for you! I applied for a DBS at their expense and that's all the involvement to sort the details that I needed to do myself.
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	Oxbridge Summer Camps Abroad
What does the organisation do?	The organisation organises camps throughout Asia (Hong Kong, China and Japan) where Oxbridge students teach English to students between 6-16 (usually 11-13) for 3-7 weeks (usually 4).
Where were you located?	In Beijing, China.
What did you do?	I directed 4 camps of 150 students each, with a team of 6 other teachers. This involved pre-department organisation, facilitating training days, workshops, marking teachers' lesson plans, liaising with the Chinese school on matters of organisation, applying for visas for the teachers, intervening in disciplinary issues, giving the teachers detailed feedback on their lessons, directing the opening ceremony and play, arranging transport and logistics, training the teaching assistants, translating / organising in Mandarin, supervising activities and day to day running of the camps. It was a very intensive role and very well organised - something that I would absolutely recommend but hardly a free holiday!!
For how long did you do it?	4 - 8 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.)?	I would never have had the confidence to do half of the things that the role involves beforehand, and I now feel far more secure in my ability to react to the circumstances and adapt on the job. It was a fantastic experience that I would highly recommend not only to those who want experience teaching, but for management and logistics as well. While I was not new to teaching, leading a team was a new experience for me and one I feel I have benefited from highly.
What were your average weekly earnings?	Expenses only
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?	Further vacation experience; Helpful contacts; References

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If you needed a work permit or special visa, how did you obtain one?	I applied myself, though if you are a teacher the director will do this for you. The program pays for your visa and flights, and you are invited by the schools so everything is done above board.
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):

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Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

Name of organisation	Oxford Royale Academy
What does the organisation do?	Oxford Royale is one of the UK's leading providers of international summer schools and year-round university preparation programmes. Every year, hundreds of student come from all around the world, seizing the rare opportunity to experience life as a student in some of the most inspiring universities in the world: Oxford, Cambridge, Imperial London, St Andrews, Stanford and Yale.
Where were you located?	Ascot, Berkshire
What did you do?	House Dean- Responsible for the well-being of 200+ students from over 147 countries. Responsibilities include: safeguarding, execute tasks set by Junior Deans and office staff, plan and lead activities, adapt and respond to emergencies- Promoted to Office Manager in the second week. Office Manager- Processed student information with intranet and computer systems to carry out administrative tasks and assist senior staff- Supervised and delegated work to House Deans and Junior Deans- Arranged shifts, meetings, staff evaluation and a feedback system- Managed student activities, lessons, reports, confidential information- Negotiated with Head Office to resolve issues, seek additional support for our campus, and implemented decisions made from above- Addressed concerns from parents and provided assistance
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.)?	Working full time as a residential staff is perhaps one of the most challenging part -- as it was rather difficult to leave your work place for my particular position. Though the organisation I worked for was not particularly new, but many aspects were still under-developed and I encountered quite some challenges that required me to problem solve on the spot. Nevertheless I gained more insight into the importance of researching the company you work for and perhaps their reputation among employees. Working in a face-paced work place also made me better understand my strengths and weakness.
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

Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

As a result of this experience were you offered anything?	Fast track through recruitment process
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?	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):

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Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

Name of organisation	Oxford Summer Courses
What does the organisation do?	Summer schools in Cambridge
Where were you located?	Cambridge
What did you do?	Help run the course, lead field trips, plan workshops
For how long did you do it?	1 - 3 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.)?	Team work, managing children
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?	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?	

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

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Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

Name of organisation	Pan Himalayan Grassroots Foundation
What does the organisation do?	Sustainable Development in the Indian Himalayas through sustainable technologies and self help groups.
Where were you located?	Rhaniket, Kumaon, India
What did you do?	A report for the FAO about indigenous food systems
For how long did you do it?	4 - 8 weeks
In which vacation?	Summer
How did you first find out about this opportunity?	CAMVOL
What did you personally gain from the experience (insights, skills etc.)?	Learnt a lot about how grassroots development works, skills for interviewing/ data collection, living in a different culture
What were your average weekly earnings?	Unpaid
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?	Helpful contacts;References
If you needed a work permit or special visa, how did you obtain one?	Needed a visa, obtained through Indian visa office in London

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):

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Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

Name of organisation	Penguin Random House
What does the organisation do?	It publishes books.
Where were you located?	London
What did you do?	I helped the publicity department with their daily tasks and was given some projects of my own, here are some examples of what I did:- researching information about books and people from the database- researching contacts and media outlets for publicity to reach out to- packaging orders and being responsible for deliveries- attend staff meetings and author visits- talk to other people doing work experience- go to special talks with staff where they explained what each department did
For how long did you do it?	1 - 3 weeks
In which vacation?	Summer
How did you first find out about this opportunity?	Online searching inc. organisation websites
What did you personally gain from the experience (insights, skills etc.)?	I learnt a lot about the publishing industry- lots of interesting stuff! I learnt what it is like to work 9-5 in an office. I learnt how to use some new software and websites relevant to publishing and making deliveries.
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?	Helpful contacts

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?	First
Which year did you have this experience?	2018
Do you have any other comments regarding your experience?	Penguin runs lots of internships and work experiences across the year- research carefully and make sure you apply at the right time! Penguin offers subsidised accommodation in London for this work experience.

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

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Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

Name of organisation	Quintessential Education
What does the organisation do?	Tuition Agency - helping students with secondary and junior college work, as well as help with university admissions
Where were you located?	Singapore
What did you do?	I tutored students and helped them with university admissions
For how long did you do it?	9 - 12 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 learnt how to teach and prepare for lessons. It was an enjoyable experience where I honed my communication skills
What were your average weekly earnings?	£250 - £399
How long in advance did you start to arrange this experience?	10-12 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
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	RAF
What does the organisation do?	Branch of Ministry of Defence.
Where were you located?	High Wycombe.
What did you do?	Worked with Personnel Strategy team to develop artificial intelligence and machine learning tools to aid with Personnel planning and strategy.
For how long did you do it?	4 - 8 weeks
In which vacation?	Summer
How did you first find out about this opportunity?	Online searching inc. organisation websites
What did you personally gain from the experience (insights, skills etc.)?	Developed technical skills and knowledge of the industry.
What were your average weekly earnings?	£250 - £399
How long in advance did you start to arrange this experience?	10-12 months
Do you think this opportunity might be available to other Cambridge students?	Arranged as part of a Government-backed sponsorship scheme.
As a result of this experience were you offered anything?	Further vacation experience; 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?	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):

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Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

Name of organisation	Reach Cambridge
What does the organisation do?	Summer school for international students
Where were you located?	Cambridge
What did you do?	Organised and ran activities, acted in loco parentis for the students.
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.)?	Teamwork, organisation, time management
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;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?	

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

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Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

Name of organisation	Renishaw
What does the organisation do?	An engineering company that specialises in precise measurement instruments.
Where were you located?	Wooton-Under-Edge, Gloucestershire, England
What did you do?	Worked as part of the Electrical Engineering team on the library subteam, who design specific electrical components. I worked on using, implementing and documenting how to use a software which made the electrical design process easier.
For how long did you do it?	4 - 8 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 working environment - attending meetings, doing presentations and interacting with colleagues really boosted my confidence. Also learnt a lot of new skills related to the course I was doing.
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
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	Rickshaw Theatre Project
What does the organisation do?	<p>The group worked with three different education based NGOs in Chitwan, Shimla and Delhi respectively. We leant ourselves to each NGO in which ever way they needed us with an aim to promote education in a create, interactive and effective way. Initially, while we were in Nepal we worked with Ford Nepal who organised host families for us to stay with and positioned us in the local government school. In Shimla, we worked with an amazing NGO called the Human Hope Foundation which was essentially an educational youth programme for very poor children with a view to keeping them off the streets after school and helping them get into better schools. Finally, in Delhi we worked with a similar NGO called the Ankur Project which offer extra tutorial for poor children in between school hours whilst also providing them with a social community instead of the children being taken in by gangs.</p>
Where were you located?	Chitwan, Nepal. Shimla, India. Delhi, India.
What did you do?	<p>In Chitwan we hadn't expected necessarily to have been thrust into a government school and expected to teach their lessons which is what ended up happening. The government schools are corrupt and the teaching is extremely limited. Most of the students came from abusive and or extremely impoverished homes and backgrounds which meant that often they weren't very well behaved or receptive to teaching and learning. We managed to find ways to create fun lessons which they seemed to respond to with a very positive attitude by the end. We also painted some of the classrooms, creating educational murals on the walls. Shimla was very different. Human Hope had a very similar vision to what we initially set out to do. The idea was to create a fun, caring environment where the children felt safe to learn and be creative. We planned workshops in which we would teach English through colouring, dancing, sketches and songs whilst also taking time to play games. In Delhi, we did a range of things whilst working with Ankur. This was our last leg of the trip and by this point we had understood that since we weren't in each place for very long (two weeks) we should divide our resources within our group of 12 and have a small group of teachers whilst creating other groups that might be able to put some more structural frameworks in place to help the NGO on a more long term basis. We applied for funding for the NGO, designed information packs, a website, a slogan and sign for the centre, created an 100 page guideline curriculum so there could be some sort of coherent continuation for the children's education as volunteers come and go whilst also helping organise a debate day for the children to practice their English but also talk about some important social issues which the head of the NGO had set out.</p>
For how long did you do it?	4 - 8 weeks
In which vacation?	Summer
How did you first find out about this opportunity?	It was advertised on the camdram website.

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<p>What did you personally gain from the experience (insights, skills etc.)?</p>	<p>Living with host families in rural Nepal on the initial leg of the tour was a very unique experience coming from a Western society. We became great friends with our family despite a significant language barrier and being unused the living situation. In terms of the work we did with the NGOs, it was a very informative experience. I had been to Nepal before to do some education work before with an amazing NGO called Pestalozzi in Pokhara but that was on a longer term basis. Spending two weeks at a time in each place over the summer, it was interesting to see the similarities of the educational and social issues in each place but also how much time and energy is needed in one place to really make a significant structural difference. Another issue which was clearer to me on this trip was the extent of my right as a Westerner coming into another culture and deciding to 'help' that community. We tried hard to be aware of this and often had conversations about ways in which volunteers might be educated before starting with a particular NGO about respecting a community and culture and how their volunteer work might actually end up having echoes of a colonial past. The answer is not clear but the conversation which was started for me has been very valuable and is ongoing for me.</p>
<p>What were your average weekly earnings?</p>	<p>Unpaid</p>
<p>How long in advance did you start to arrange this experience?</p>	<p>about 3-4 months. We left for the trip in late August.</p>
<p>Do you think this opportunity might be available to other Cambridge students?</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>As a result of this experience were you offered anything?</p>	<p>References</p>
<p>If you needed a work permit or special visa, how did you obtain one?</p>	
<p>Which year of your University course were you in when you arranged it?</p>	<p>First</p>
<p>Which year did you have this experience?</p>	<p>2018</p>
<p>Do you have any other comments regarding your experience?</p>	<p>I wish I had actually found other ways to apply for funding. I regret being put off by the reputation of Homerton since raising the funds ended up being a massive area of stress for me through Easter term.</p>

Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

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

Education Tripos Other

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Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

Name of organisation	Romax
What does the organisation do?	Engineering - design software for modelling gear boxes
Where were you located?	Nottingham
What did you do?	Programming job of modelling heat flow through gear boxes for 8 weeks
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.)?	Programming skills, idea of working in an office
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; Financial support / sponsorship during your studies
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
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):

Engineering Tripos Penultimate

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Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

Name of organisation	Romax Technology
What does the organisation do?	Engineering Consultancy and Gearbox Design
Where were you located?	Nottingham, Nottinghamshire
What did you do?	Worked in the R&D Department to develop a neural network.
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.)?	Programming, neural networks
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?	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):

Engineering Tripos Other

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Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

Name of organisation	Royal College of Pathologists
What does the organisation do?	Professional membership organisation, which also carries out charitable/outreach activities.
Where were you located?	London
What did you do?	A two day pathology summer school, which I treated as a preview for part of the second year medicine course. Also networked with pathologists, and medical students from across the country.
For how long did you do it?	Up to 1 week
In which vacation?	Summer
How did you first find out about this opportunity?	Online searching inc. organisation websites
What did you personally gain from the experience (insights, skills etc.)?	Insight into pathology as a career, advice from academic pathologists about pursuing an academic career in medicine, new medical student friends from universities across the UK and from Europe, a preview of some of the pathology taught in second year.
What were your average weekly earnings?	Unpaid
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?	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):

Med and Vet Sci Tripos (Med) Penultimate

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Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

Name of organisation	Russell's Fish and Chips
What does the organisation do?	It's a fish and chips restaurant with table service.
Where were you located?	Broadway, England
What did you do?	I was waiting tables, doing kitchen prep, setting up and clearing away, and on the till and bar.
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.)?	I gained a lot of new skills: barwork, customer service, training in serving food and drinks, making coffee etc.
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?	No
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?	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):

Geographical Tripos Penultimate

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Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

Name of organisation	Sedgeford Historical and Archaeological Research Project
What does the organisation do?	Organises digs and other research in the parish of Sedgeford in an attempt to reconstruct its past, this has been going on since 1996.
Where were you located?	Hunstanton
What did you do?	I was a trench supervisor and so was leading a section of the excavation.
For how long did you do it?	4 - 8 weeks
In which vacation?	Summer
How did you first find out about this opportunity?	Online searching inc. organisation websites
What did you personally gain from the experience (insights, skills etc.)?	Leadership experience, particularly in managing a diverse group of people. The ability to learn a role 'on the job' given my lack of prior experience in supervising. Improved knowledge of archaeology on a site that has already shown national importance and is continuing to reveal finds of that stature. Further insights into the world of academic research projects, including community relations when undertaking research.
What were your average weekly earnings?	Expenses only
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?	Requires previous experience on site but promotion is very possible, indeed previous Cambridge students have worked on the site.
As a result of this experience were you offered anything?	Further vacation experience; 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?	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 Penultimate

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Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

Name of organisation	Select English Language School
What does the organisation do?	They run English language courses for international students. My job was working with 12-16 year olds from Europe and China
Where were you located?	Cambridge and Bury St Edmunds, UK
What did you do?	Course Assistant - I was second to the Course Director and mostly in charge of admin - ordering resources, compiling classes, sorting dormitories, staff rota, budgeting, printing certificates and reports, communicating with head office, processing test results and student feedback, assisting on day trips and in activity sessions, first aid, making posters
For how long did you do it?	4 - 8 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.)?	I gained a lot of skills - particularly after I took on responsibility for the staff rota (for a team of 20 people) and the budget. My excel skills also improved. I have been offered a job for next summer and have had the opportunity to work a few days during term time. Also it was residential and all my food was provided so it was a very good way to save money in the summer
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
If you needed a work permit or special visa, how did you obtain one?	n/a

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):

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Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

Name of organisation	SNU ISI
What does the organisation do?	Runs an international summer school at Seoul National University for approximately 5 weeks in summer.
Where were you located?	Seoul, South Korea
What did you do?	I studied two courses at the summer school: Introduction to Microeconomics and Financial Management.
For how long did you do it?	4 - 8 weeks
In which vacation?	Summer
How did you first find out about this opportunity?	Online searching inc. organisation websites
What did you personally gain from the experience (insights, skills etc.)?	A good grounding in economical and financial concepts to hopefully help in securing an internship in summer 2019.
What were your average weekly earnings?	Unpaid
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?	

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

Information withheld.

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Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

Name of organisation	Stoney Farm
What does the organisation do?	Rearing sheep/lambing (farm)
Where were you located?	Okehampton, Devon, England
What did you do?	Lambing - around 13 hours a day
For how long did you do it?	1 - 3 weeks
In which vacation?	Easter
How did you first find out about this opportunity?	Vet in the year above
What did you personally gain from the experience (insights, skills etc.)?	Skills as a vet for future career
What were your average weekly earnings?	Unpaid
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?	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):

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Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

Name of organisation	SUFE Shanghai University of Finance and Economics
What does the organisation do?	The organisation is a prominent Chinese University that allows students from all over the world to partake in their summer courses for a month every year.
Where were you located?	Shanghai, China.
What did you do?	I studied four different courses in the span of four weeks. The first week was an introduction to Chinese culture, the second week Chinese Language, the third week focused on Real Estate and the Real estate market in both Europe, China and the U.S. The last part of the course dealt with Cultural Management and communication, as well as marketing.
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 had a great experience and was able to deepen my understanding for Chinese culture and language, which was my primary goal. In addition, I was educated in Cultural Management which deals with issues of communication and management in international companies. I thought this was incredibly useful, as I see myself working in an international environment in the future. We worked with case examples, which was helpful in understanding what kind of issues you can expect when attempting to manage a global company with employees from various parts of the world. The Real Estate and Finance aspect of the course was interesting because I had no previous experiences in how to read the market, how to invest and how to calculate interest rates accurately.
What were your average weekly earnings?	Unpaid
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?	None of the above

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?	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):

Hum, Soc & Pol Sciences Tripos Penultimate

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Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

Name of organisation	Takeout Consultancy
What does the organisation do?	Strategy Consulting
Where were you located?	London and Guangzhou
What did you do?	Involved in a team working on a flagship project which aims to help Carlsberg Group set up its digital presence in China.
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.)?	How consulting works. Excel modelling. Editing PPT slides.
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?	None of the above
If you needed a work permit or special visa, how did you obtain one?	NIL

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):

Economics Tripos Penultimate

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Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

Name of organisation	TNG Technology Consulting
What does the organisation do?	Technical consulting for companies in and around the Munich area.
Where were you located?	Unterfoehring, Munich, Germany
What did you do?	Worked on an internal project (other interns worked on both internal and external projects). Projects were made up of mostly programming work.
For how long did you do it?	4 - 8 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.)?	I improved my German language skills (German not required for the job) as well as gaining an insight into what consulting was like as a job and especially technical consulting. It improved my programming skills and widened my horizons during tech days and workshops. It was also good to live and work in a foreign country.
What were your average weekly earnings?	£250 - £399
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?	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):

Computer Science Tripos Penultimate

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Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

Name of organisation	Traidcraft Exchange
What does the organisation do?	A sister organization to Fairtrade, Traidcraft Exchange works with small-scale producers in developing nations to harness the benefits of trade, whilst fighting injustice in global trade.
Where were you located?	Working from home - Chelmsford.
What did you do?	I researched the environmental impact of the cotton ginning and spinning processes in India, looked into the health hazards faced by workers in these sectors, and investigated how the processes could be more energy efficient and sustainable. With a weekly phone call with a supervisor, I built my information into two reports, which I fed back to various members of the organization via a conference call at the end of the project.
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 developed my ability to research, reading through long reports and selecting the relevant information. My presentation and written skills then improved through collating it all into a professionally written report. I gained knowledge of the workings of a complex supply chain in a developing country, and my verbal communication skills were tested in the conference call.
What were your average weekly earnings?	Unpaid
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?	These sorts of organizations always need help - email and ask if you're interested.
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?	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):

Hum, Soc & Pol Sciences Tripos Penultimate

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Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

Name of organisation	Tutorful Ltd
What does the organisation do?	Offers an online platform for Tutors and Students to get in touch and arrange private Tuition
Where were you located?	I worked from home, and Tutorful operates across most of the UK
What did you do?	Tutored A Level/GCSE Maths, Chemistry and Physics as well as KS3 English and Geography.
For how long did you do it?	4 - 8 weeks
In which vacation?	Christmas
How did you first find out about this opportunity?	Online searching inc. organisation websites
What did you personally gain from the experience (insights, skills etc.)?	Patience, experience in different styles and methods of teaching and communication, and a job in which I am in control of my own work schedule for much better than minimum wage.
What were your average weekly earnings?	< £249
How long in advance did you start to arrange this experience?	I have been a tutor on the site since Year 13 (High School final year)
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?	I needed a DBS check, which I had fortunately already obtained through previous volunteering.

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
Do you have any other comments regarding your experience?	Unfortunately it's a seasonal job which has very low demand in Summer Vacation, but if you advertise yourself as a revision tutor over Christmas and Easter you can overcome this hurdle and avoid the heavy hours and low pay of the zero-hour, minimum-wage s

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

Natural Sciences Tripos Penultimate

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Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

Name of organisation	University of Copenhagen
What does the organisation do?	It is an University
Where were you located?	Copenhagen, Denmark
What did you do?	I was assigned a research project for 6 weeks, my supervisor was the PI of the lab
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.)?	Skills: How to write reports, how to record NMR spectra, increased my laboratory skills (columns, synthesis design etc.)Insight into the day-to-day work of a synthetic chemist
What were your average weekly earnings?	Unpaid
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?	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):

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Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

Name of organisation	University of Erlangen-Nurnberg
What does the organisation do?	A university is a public research university in the cities of Erlangen and Nuremberg in Bavaria, Germany.
Where were you located?	Erlangen, Bavaria, Germany
What did you do?	Researched on recrystallisation behavior of Co-based superalloys following indentations to introduce stress and heat treatment, which contributes to the general understanding of Co-based superalloys' properties when subjected to stress prior to failing, crucial for development of next generation Co-based superalloys. Analyzed the recrystallized areas of samples, including the preferential direction for grain growth, size and shape and recrystallisation tendency.
For how long did you do it?	9 - 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.)?	Insight into German culture, both inside and outside of the lab. Laboratory and sample preparation skills gained.
What were your average weekly earnings?	Expenses only
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

Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

If you needed a work permit or special visa, how did you obtain one?	Yes, a business visa for Germany.
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):

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Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

Name of organisation	University of Surrey
What does the organisation do?	Virology research
Where were you located?	Guildford, Surrey, UK
What did you do?	Helped with experiments relating to viral sensing pathways, and carried out some of my own experiments.
For how long did you do it?	4 - 8 weeks
In which vacation?	Summer
How did you first find out about this opportunity?	Online searching inc. organisation websites
What did you personally gain from the experience (insights, skills etc.)?	Working independently, lab skills, working with other people, gained scientific knowledge
What were your average weekly earnings?	Unpaid
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
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):

Natural Sciences Tripos Penultimate

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Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

Name of organisation	Victoria and Albert Museum
What does the organisation do?	Collects, catalogues, preserves and displays items of historical interest in the fields of art, design and performance.
Where were you located?	London, UK
What did you do?	I catalogued archival material from the Cheek by Jowl theatre company, as well as helping out with organising and sorting materials from the archive.
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.)?	I learnt how to catalogue to ISAD standards; I learnt how to set up an organisational system that would be intuitive to use for researchers or archivists; I learnt how to balance my time to get things done; I learnt how archives function in a museum/collection context.
What were your average weekly earnings?	Unpaid
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?	None of the above
If you needed a work permit or special visa, how did you obtain one?	N/A

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):

English Tripos Penultimate

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Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

Name of organisation	Wildlife Sense
What does the organisation do?	loggerhead turtle conservation
Where were you located?	Lixouri, Kefalonia
What did you do?	Morning beach surveys to find turtle tracks/nests, night beach surveys to find nesting females, light pollution and beach profile (topography) surveys discussing conservation with locals/holiday makers
For how long did you do it?	1 - 3 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.)?	Improved confidence and communication skills, fieldwork experience, team working experience
What were your average weekly earnings?	Unpaid
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?	2017
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):

Natural Sciences 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?	

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):

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Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

Name of organisation	WongPartnership LLP
What does the organisation do?	WongPartnership is one of the 'Big 4' law firms in Singapore. Apart from a strong presence in the Southeast Asia region, WongPartnership is unique amongst Singapore firms for offering a China Practice, focusing on supporting Chinese clients and deals.
Where were you located?	Singapore
What did you do?	I interned with the firm's Mergers & Acquisitions and China practice for three weeks. There were several deals going on at various stages of progress, and I had the opportunity to be involved in each stage:- Due diligence: Conducted physical due diligence for an acquisition of a chain of shops (going around the city and taking photos of the shop itself)- Agreement negotiation: Drafted various shareholder circulars about proposed acquisitions and disposals to be tabled at the companies' AGMs, checked these documents for compliance with the Singapore Exchange Listing Manual and Companies Act, translated clauses in an investment agreement from English to Mandarin - Closing/completion: Assisted in compiling a transaction bible and spotting discrepancies or missing information in the documents
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 - Cambridge alumni, GradLink, College networks
What did you personally gain from the experience (insights, skills etc.)?	I gained a taster of work as an M&A lawyer, an insight into the various stages of an M&A deal and how lawyers turn their clients' requests into reality. Through observing the lawyers at work and assisting them in tasks such as researching and drafting, I was able to witness the thought processes behind legal work, such as how strategies are crafted to resolve clients' concerns. I improved my commercial awareness, especially of the Chinese legal and business market, and this is incredibly valuable due to China's economic strength and my aspirations to work with Chinese clients in the future. I learned practical legal research skills, soft skills and gained real-world experiences of legal practice that would aid me in my legal study and future career aspirations.
What were your average weekly earnings?	< £249
How long in advance did you start to arrange this experience?	4-6 months

Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

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?	
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	Workaway
What does the organisation do?	Provide volunteering experiences around the world. You pay for travel, then live and eat with your hosts for free, while volunteering.
Where were you located?	Odem, The Golan Heights, Israel.
What did you do?	I was working in a hostel - making pancakes for breakfasts, cleaning toilets, gardening, painting, making beds, checking in guests, taking payments, re-stocking the hostel shop and charity shop, cooking with/for the other volunteers and talking with the guests about things to do in Israel.
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.)?	Meeting people from all over the world, everyday. Fantastic sense of perspective. Working in close proximity with between 3-6 other volunteers. We had two days off a week, so planning trips for yourself each week became essential. Hitchhiking meant you met a great variety of people living in Israel, from all different religions, backgrounds etc. Overwhelming sense of the myriad ways you can live your life.
What were your average weekly earnings?	Unpaid
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?	

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?	I went alone to Israel, booking my flights two weeks before going. I think it is really important to have a go at doing something away from home on your own and, especially for first years, where it may be harder to get an internship/placement, this is a

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Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

Name of organisation	World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts
What does the organisation do?	International youth organisation (of which Girlguiding UK is a member)I volunteered at Our Chalet, Adelboden, an activity centre in the Swiss mountains which hosts events for guides and guests from around the world, with activities like hiking, crafts and Swiss culture education
Where were you located?	Adelboden, Switzerland
What did you do?	Guest services - cooking, cleaning and setting rooms, planning meals, gardening
For how long did you do it?	1 - 3 weeks
In which vacation?	Summer
How did you first find out about this opportunity?	Volunteered during my gap year
What did you personally gain from the experience (insights, skills etc.)?	Ability to manage a kitchen as I was the most experienced during a period without a kitchen manager. I met and worked with people from different cultures (Scandinavia, Germany, Tunisia) and got to enjoy a few weeks in Switzerland with free board and food
What were your average weekly earnings?	Expenses only
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?	If they are members of WAGGGS/guides/scouts
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?	n/a

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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