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Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

Name of organisation	Allen & Overy
What does the organisation do?	Commercial Law Solicitors
Where were you located?	London (Liverpool Street)
What did you do?	Shadowed associate solicitor in corporate mergers and acquisitions department. This involved drafting responses to clients, conducting research tasks and sitting in on phone calls. There were also lots of social events involved in the scheme and a group presentation.
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.)?	Insight into the daily life as a commercial solicitor, research skills and general experience at being in a workplace environment.
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?	A job offer
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?	Penultimate
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	Allen & Overy
What does the organisation do?	Commercial law, magic circle law firm. International firm, advising national and multinational corporations, financial institutions, and governments.
Where were you located?	Singapore.
What did you do?	Internship for 3 weeks there. I was with the Capital Markets and Arbitration team, rotating every 1.5 weeks. Capital Markets: Contributed to several ongoing debt and equity offerings, particularly high-value and cross-border offerings involving several jurisdictions. Arbitration: Participated and strategized for several high-profile arbitration cases involving billion-dollar companies in the oil and gas sector. Offered a training contract after successfully completing the vacation scheme.
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.)?	I learnt more about the commercial law world, and the internships had workshops and classes like presentation skills that allowed me to better myself.
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?	A job offer

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

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Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

Name of organisation	Allen and Gledhill
What does the organisation do?	Full service commercial law firm. Provides legal services. Practice areas include banking and finance, litigation, corporate mergers and acquisitions, intellectual property etc.
Where were you located?	Singapore.
What did you do?	Spent 3 weeks in litigation department, 1 week in Corporate Mergers and Acquisitions. Proofreading documents, independent research project on recent developments in maritime law, accompanying lawyers to Singaporean courts and making notes.
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.)?	Great experience living and working in a different country. Insight into law firms and transactions in an Asian market. Similar skills to English law firms - same trainee jobs such as proofreading, drafting client emails, independent research on points of law etc.
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?	I do not want to permanently move to Singapore so I did not apply for a job, but the possibility is open.;Helpful contacts;References;None of the above
If you needed a work permit or special visa, how did you obtain one?	Through the firm. I needed a Work Employment Pass.

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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?	

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Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

Name of organisation	Baker Mckenzie.Wong & Leow
What does the organisation do?	International law firm - I interned in the Corporate & Securities / Mergers & Acquisitions department
Where were you located?	Singapore
What did you do?	I was able to help out with conducting due diligence for a couple of transactions the firm was working on, and as I was there for a month, I was fortunate to see the transaction through to the signing of the share purchase agreement. As interns, we were required to put together a presentation on how we would tackle hypothetical issues in a share purchase agreement at the end of our internship.
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 invaluable insight in what the M&A sector was like. Each intern was assigned a buddy who was a junior associate. My buddy was very helpful and gave me a lot of information on the application process, and was very willing to answer any questions I had. I got a better idea of what the job scope of a trainee would be like, and the type of work a trainee would be doing.
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?	Fast track through recruitment process;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	Beerman LLP
What does the organisation do?	It is a family law firm that practices in Chicago
Where were you located?	Chicago- greater area
What did you do?	I shadowed family lawyers in court and in their work in the office
For how long did you do it?	1 - 3 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 got to witness first hand how the legal system works in the States, which is very hard to get as an experience through the usual vacation schemes offered in the UK.
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?	did not need one because unpaid, but would have required one otherwise

Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

Which year of your University course were you in when you arranged it?	Intermediate (2nd of 4 year course)
Which year did you have this experience?	2018
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Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

Name of organisation	Carpmaels and Ransford
What does the organisation do?	Intellectual Property
Where were you located?	London
What did you do?	Patent work (lectures and real work)
For how long did you do it?	1 - 3 weeks
In which vacation?	Summer
How did you first find out about this opportunity?	Careers Fair for scientists
What did you personally gain from the experience (insights, skills etc.)?	Masses of fun, plus experience, understanding of patents.
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?	Officially interview at the end of programme was just a chat , but it was an hour's technical discussion with two partners which apparently may help future applications;None of the above
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	Clifford Chance
What does the organisation do?	It is a commercial law firm.
Where were you located?	Canary Wharf, London. We also made a trip to Amsterdam.
What did you do?	I spent three days shadowing professionals in Litigation & Dispute Resolution and Capital Markets. Three days were also spent in the class room learning about practice areas and skills for being a solicitor in addition to finding out about the firm. We spent two days in Amsterdam to see the firm more widely and had a session on presenting from their academy. The final day was an interview to convert to a TC.
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 profession and what sort of work the firm does (especially as I am a non-lawyer). It was good to see how such a firm functions day to day and to meet the people working there. I also got a TC.
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?	A job offer; Financial support / sponsorship during your studies; Helpful contacts
If you needed a work permit or special visa, how did you obtain one?	

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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	CMS
What does the organisation do?	Law firm
Where were you located?	London
What did you do?	One week learning about the 'business of law' - this involved client visits, negotiation exercises, and lots more. The last two weeks were spent interning with an associate supervisor in the pensions department. Tasks included drafting documents, researching, and proofreading.
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 an insight into a career in commercial law and life as a solicitor.
What were your average weekly earnings?	£250 - £399
How long in advance did you start to arrange this experience?	Offered this opportunity from an insight week in my penultimate year
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
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?	Finalist
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	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?	

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Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

Name of organisation	Des Veoux Chambers, Hong Kong
What does the organisation do?	A set of chambers with barristers (junior and QC) representing clients in commercial (civil) cases.
Where were you located?	Hong Kong
What did you do?	I shadowed a Barrister in many trials such as an ex parte hearing and thereafter conducted research on the current legal position concerning the assets (which are situated in Hong Kong) of a company incorporated abroad which has been dissolved.
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.)?	I learnt to do independent research and to write a skeleton argument in an official format.
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;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?	Intermediate (2nd of 4 year course)
Which year did you have this experience?	2018
Do you have any other comments regarding your experience?	

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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?	

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Which year did you have this experience?	2018
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Name of organisation	Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer
What does the organisation do?	Commercial law firm
Where were you located?	London
What did you do?	Vacation scheme student - sat in an office with two associates in the Environment, Products and Regulations team of Dispute Resolution. I helped with legal research, collating files, proofreading etc. We also had many organised talks and workshops, a group pitch presentation and an individual research task.
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.)?	Insight into daily life in a commercial law firm, a feel for the culture, and reassurance that I actually find the work interesting and the environment one that I would like to work in.
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?	A job offer; Fast track through recruitment process; Helpful contacts
If you needed a work permit or special visa, how did you obtain one?	

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Name of organisation	Gordons Solicitors LLP
What does the organisation do?	Solicitors firm
Where were you located?	Leeds
What did you do?	Did work on actual cases, looking up details on the land registry, drafting documents, and summarising legal proceedings for negotiations.
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.)?	What the day to day work of a solicitors is like, the personal aspect necessary for long term business relations (client dinner/coffee etc.), how to read through legaleses and adequately sum it up for quick reference purposes.
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?	It was through a personal connection, though the company was very open to having people in to shadow
As a result of this experience were you offered anything?	I had an informal, but fairly serious offer of paralegal work if I ever wanted it;A job offer
If you needed a work permit or special visa, how did you obtain one?	

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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	HFW LLP
What does the organisation do?	Solicitors firm with a focus on the oil/gas/shipping sectors
Where were you located?	London
What did you do?	Proofreading, research for bulletins, drafting informational articles, court visits, attended talks
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 what working as a solicitor can be like
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?	
As a result of this experience were you offered anything?	Helpful contacts
If you needed a work permit or special visa, how did you obtain one?	

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Name of organisation	Hogan Lovells
What does the organisation do?	Commercial City Law Firm
Where were you located?	Holborn, London
What did you do?	I participated in their 3-week summer vacation scheme. I 'sat' in three 'seats' - pensions, real estate disputes and energy and construction.
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.)?	Insight into what it was like to work in an international law firm. Saw the applicability of what we learn in the class room.
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?	A job offer
If you needed a work permit or special visa, how did you obtain one?	

Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

Which year of your University course were you in when you arranged it?	Intermediate (2nd of 4 year course)
Which year did you have this experience?	2018
Do you have any other comments regarding your experience?	Really enjoyed the vacation scheme and would thoroughly recommend Hogan Lovells for any student interested in a career in law!

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Name of organisation	Justice Centre Hong Kong
What does the organisation do?	Legal and psychosocial advice for asylum seekers in Hong Kong, and policy work in the same area.
Where were you located?	Hong Kong, China SAR
What did you do?	We had a week of training, then assisted case workers by interviewing clients, researching country of origin information, filled out screening assessments for each client and typed up transcripts.
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.)?	Huge insight into the asylum system in Hong Kong, fantastic hands on experience in legal work relating to asylum seekers, especially meeting them and interviewing them. Insight into a legal clinic specialising in human rights work.
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?	It was organised through CULS pro bono so it depends if they can organise it again.
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?	I already have the right to work in hong kong.

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Name of organisation	Latham & Watkins
What does the organisation do?	International law firm
Where were you located?	London
What did you do?	Legal internship, drafted documents and proof read. Also participated in activities designed for the interns.
For how long did you do it?	1 - 3 weeks
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.)?	Skills and experience
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?	A job offer
If you needed a work permit or special visa, how did you obtain one?	

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Name of organisation	Mills and Reeve LLP
What does the organisation do?	Law Firm
Where were you located?	Cambridge
What did you do?	A vacation seat set up to mirror a training contract with four 'mini-seats' over the two week period in order to give an insight into many of the practice areas of the firm.
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.)?	Confidence in my future career plans and an insight into what to expect working in the legal sector - practical application and the skill of making myself useful while learning in a fast-paced office environment.
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?	A job offer
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	No 5 Chambers Birmingham
What does the organisation do?	It is a barristers' chambers.
Where were you located?	Birmingham
What did you do?	I shadowed several professionals over three days, attending court with them.
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.)?	I had already done two minis the previous year and this one was less inspiring. I realised that if I were a barrister I would probably want to work in London.
What were your average weekly earnings?	Unpaid
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?	None of the above
If you needed a work permit or special visa, how did you obtain one?	

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Name of organisation	Osborne Clarke
What does the organisation do?	Commercial Law firm.
Where were you located?	Bristol, Avon.
What did you do?	I successfully gained a place on Osborne Clarke's April 2018 Bristol Insight Scheme. Based within the Real Estate and Projects Team, under the guidance of a Senior Associate, one of my briefs was to review leasehold data, determining the legal obligations of various parties concerning land disputes. As a client facing project this necessitated articulate communication with a range of Land Registry officials and demanded stringent attention to detail in interpreting legal documents. Participating in group activities was an opportunity to practice working effectively in a team of prospective trainees and offered excellent insight into the rigours of life as a trainee solicitor.
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.)?	The Scheme concluded with an interview about my experiences working within the firm and how these linked to my wider understanding of the commercial world. This tested my assimilation of knowledge gained during the Scheme, and my ability to articulate a coherent case under pressure.
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?	Fast track through recruitment process

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

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Name of organisation	Parkside Chambers, Hong Kong
What does the organisation do?	Barristers who represent clients in commercial and criminal cases
Where were you located?	Hong Kong
What did you do?	I read through some high-profile past cases and discussed with barristers about their advice given to clients and the advancement of human rights in Hong Kong specifically in the context of the emergence of an increasing number of cases brought by transgender persons living in Hong Kong.
For how long did you do it?	1 - 3 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 a great deal and reflected upon the discrepancy between the advancement of human rights in Asia and the UK. It was interesting to see that Hong Kong still has a long way to go compared to the UK in terms of human rights protection for marginalised communities, and there are still numerous issues regarding LGBTQ groups and ethnic minorities facing discrimination in Hong Kong.
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
If you needed a work permit or special visa, how did you obtain one?	

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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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Name of organisation	Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas
What does the organisation do?	It is leading Indian full-service law firm.
Where were you located?	New Delhi, India
What did you do?	I worked in the intellectual property team for two weeks. Just did basic intern/vacation scheme work (lots of reading and research). I had the opportunity to visit the High Courts.
For how long did you do it?	1 - 3 weeks
In which vacation?	Summer
How did you first find out about this opportunity?	Searched for legal opportunities in India
What did you personally gain from the experience (insights, skills etc.)?	Great exposure into intellectual property law (it confirmed that I would like to do IP as a course in my final year). It provided insight into India's work culture and how the law is applied there.
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;References
If you needed a work permit or special visa, how did you obtain one?	I needed a student visa. The process was easy. I forwarded relevant documents (letter of invitation, proof of study etc)to Consulate and after paying fee, received my visa.

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Which year of your University course were you in when you arranged it?	Intermediate (2nd of 4 year course)
Which year did you have this experience?	2018
Do you have any other comments regarding your experience?	Would highly recommend to anyone interested in working at an international law firm. Especially India as they have a closed legal market, so it was an awesome experience!

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Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

Name of organisation	Slaughter and May
What does the organisation do?	Magic Circle law firm - commercial law focus, including M&A, tax and finance.
Where were you located?	London, UK
What did you do?	I was a summer vacation scheme student. I sat in my supervisor's office and completed tasks for him, including: proofreading documents, drafting exercises, research on legal questions and producing reports on recent changes in the law. As part of the vacation scheme we also attended a number of workshops, talks from lawyers at the firm etc.
For how long did you do it?	1 - 3 weeks
In which vacation?	Summer
How did you first find out about this opportunity?	Solicitors' Fair
What did you personally gain from the experience (insights, skills etc.)?	Insight into the daily schedule of working in a law firm and the work rhythms. Understanding of the types of tasks undertaken by trainees and more senior lawyers. Understanding of the culture and atmosphere at Slaughter and May. Practical legal skills e.g. research, report-writing, close reading, case study analysis, negotiations etc.
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?	A job offer
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?	Intermediate (2nd of 4 year course)
Which year did you have this experience?	2018
Do you have any other comments regarding your experience?	

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Name of organisation	Slaughter and May
What does the organisation do?	Commercial law firm
Where were you located?	London
What did you do?	Vacation scheme. I sat with an associate in the corporate team and helped with some company research and writing of a Brexit update email. I also looked at draft contracts and compared them to a precedent document and suggested changes. There were talks on all the practice areas and a group client meeting exercise.
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.)?	Insight into the firm and corporate law. I improved my research skills and confidence in an office environment.
What were your average weekly earnings?	> £400
How long in advance did you start to arrange this experience?	7-9 months
Do you think this opportunity might be available to other Cambridge students?	Yes
As a result of this experience were you offered anything?	Fast track through recruitment process; Helpful contacts
If you needed a work permit or special visa, how did you obtain one?	

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

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Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

Name of organisation	Slaughter and May
What does the organisation do?	Commercial Law
Where were you located?	London, UK
What did you do?	Vacation scheme
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.)?	Insight into career in commercial law as well as whether I'd enjoy a city job. Confidence in my own abilities. Negotiating skills. Office etiquette awareness. Idea of whether I'd fit it in a corporate environment
What were your average weekly earnings?	> £400
How long in advance did you start to arrange this experience?	7-9 months
Do you think this opportunity might be available to other Cambridge students?	Yes
As a result of this experience were you offered anything?	Fast track through recruitment process; Helpful contacts
If you needed a work permit or special visa, how did you obtain one?	N/A

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

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Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

Name of organisation	Temple Chambers (Hong Kong)
What does the organisation do?	Barristers in chambers representing clients in commercial cases.
Where were you located?	Hong Kong
What did you do?	I assisted a barrister in drafting skeleton arguments for a pro bono case relating to an appeal against refusal for legal aid, and witnessed the case being presented in court, which I one. I also conducted extensive research on a case concerning stock market manipulation, analysing the potential legal claims that may be brought against our client, and the scope of relevant legislation, including the Securities and Futures Ordinance. I had to multitask between several different cases every day, delving into areas ranging from the powers of an executor of a will to medical negligence. I also attended an arbitration session at the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre.
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 refined my research skills and my ability to present arguments in written and oral form in a coherent and concise manner. I managed different cases at the same time, which meant improving my time management and multitasking abilities.
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

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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?	Intermediate (2nd of 4 year course)
Which year did you have this experience?	2018
Do you have any other comments regarding your experience?	

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Name of organisation	Weil, Gotshal & Manges
What does the organisation do?	They are an American law firm
Where were you located?	London, UK
What did you do?	2-week paid vacation scheme - essentially work experience with an assessed element to determine whether we would be offered a training contract
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.)?	Presentation and interview skills, insight into different practice areas of corporate law
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?	A job offer; Financial support / sponsorship during your studies
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?	Penultimate
Which year did you have this experience?	2018
Do you have any other comments regarding your experience?	

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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

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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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