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Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

Name of organisation	Church in the Province of the West Indies
What does the organisation do?	They are the Anglican Church in the West Indies
Where were you located?	Bridgetown, Barbados
What did you do?	I spent a week researching the Anglican church in Barbados, which included attending services, interviewing congregants, and visiting their theological college.
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.)?	My research was particularly helpful for informing my PhD proposal.
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?	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	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)

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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	Greater London Authority
What does the organisation do?	Local government
Where were you located?	London
What did you do?	Briefing the Mayor, research for the Mayor, attending events
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.)?	Awareness of local government
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?	No
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
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Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

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

Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

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

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History of Art Tripos Finalist

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Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

Name of organisation	Institute for Fiscal Studies
What does the organisation do?	The Institute for Fiscal Studies is a major research institute, focusing on public policy. Its research output is frequently quoted in the national media.
Where were you located?	London, UK
What did you do?	I did data analysis on a Philippine dataset, in order to assess the impact of health and nutrition on cognitive skills and earnings. However, there was a lot of variation in what the summer students did - some analysed pension reforms, others looked at sanitation in India, some compared taxes across the OECD.
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 data analysis, as well as the wider public policy sector.
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; 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
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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?	

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Which year did you have this experience?	2018
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Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

Name of organisation	University of Oxford, School of Geography and the Environment
What does the organisation do?	Academic/research department
Where were you located?	I worked from Cambridge (I don't live in the UK so the cheapest accommodation available was college accommodation) and sent what I'd written around twice a week. I met the professor I was doing the research project with a few times in London and Oxford to
What did you do?	The research project compared history and politics, and social policy and its implications on inequality and standards of living in Finland and England. It was meant to form the basis for future work so I had to cover as many areas of social policy as possible within the 6 weeks. It did not end up being as easy to summarize the comparisons as we thought as more questions that we wanted to tackle kept on arising- such as why did the remarkably similar educational systems in the two countries end up diverging into very different developmental trajectories in the late 1960s. After 6 weeks the final edit came to 20,000 words, which Professor Dorling said was enough to form the basis for a book. We are now securing a contract to publish a book on Finland and have published an article in the Guardian.
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/net working - but through events management for a local initiative of the Cambridge Commons (Imagine2027)
What did you personally gain from the experience (insights, skills etc.)?	As it was in academia it strengthened my time management, research, and analytical skills. It also developed my interpersonal communication skills as I worked with Professor Danny Dorling as a co-author and am continuing to do so.
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?	Depends on particular projects academics want to pursue and whether or not students are of position to help (for example, I am Finnish and speak it fluently and Professor Dorling needed someone to do the research in Finnish)

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As a result of this experience were you offered anything?	Book offer;Helpful contacts;References
If you needed a work permit or special visa, how did you obtain one?	
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