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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?	

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?	

Law Tripos Penultimate

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?	

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?	

Med and Vet Sci Tripos (Med) Penultimate

Name of organisation	Cambridge Immerse
What does the organisation do?	Immerse is a residential academic programme offering 13-15 and 16-18 year old programmes where students live within a college and experience academic teaching sessions as well as extra curricular activites. This organisation aims to stimulate academic enquiry and provide an experience of the university city.
Where were you located?	Cambridge
What did you do?	I was a mentor for a group of 8-14 students. This entailed communicating where and when to be at particular events. Making sure all of my students have been registered. I also had general responsibilities such as organising events (including sporting and a day trip from Cambridge to London) for all the students in the summer school. A main part of my job as a mentor was to consult students on their options for higher education, support them on their personal statement and give mock interviews.
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.)?	Leadership, teamwork, working under constant pressure, organisational skills, teaching experience, mentoring experience
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?	Being paid and the chance to do it again next year

If you needed a work permit or special visa, how did you obtain one?	You are required to have or do a DBS check. This will be self-funded.
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?	

Natural Sciences Tripos Finalist

Name of organisation	Cambridge Programmes
What does the organisation do?	Cambridge Programmes organises summer courses for students from China, Hong Kong and Australia.
Where were you located?	Cambridge
What did you do?	I was working as a mentor on the Senior programme. I had five students in my mentor group, and my job was to organise supervisions for them, support their group work when they had to i.e. devise a short theatre play, accompany them on trips, and tell them about Cambridge and University life.
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.)?	It was a lot of work, but it was great to work with students from an entirely different cultural background. I developed my time management and leadership skills, got to work with a new age group, and learned a lot about educational methods - both in a negative and positive way. I recommend this programme to anyone who has thought about i.e. doing a TEFL certificate abroad, or work in education in general, as it is a great way of gaining practical experience.
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?	I am sure that if I would need a reference in the future, I could contact the programme director.;None of the above
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?	Intermediate (2nd of 4 year course)
Which year did you have this experience?	2018
Do you have any other comments regarding your experience?	

Information withheld.

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
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

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?	

Geographical Tripos Penultimate

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.

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?	

Natural Sciences Tripos Penultimate

Name of organisation	Cambridge Summer Schools in China
What does the organisation do?	Runs summer camps for Chinese school children where the children improve their English while learning about subjects taught at university (you teach them your degree subject)
Where were you located?	Guangzhou, China
What did you do?	Gave the kids taster lessons in topics covered during my degree. Ran model supervisions and mock interviews.Ran extra-curricular activity sessions eg. yoga, football, dance, drama
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.)?	Insight into Chinese schools. New world experience. Teaching experience. Independence
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?	friends;Further vacation experience;Helpful contacts
If you needed a work permit or special visa, how did you obtain one?	yes. Applied to Chinese embassy

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?	

Natural Sciences Tripos Penultimate

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?	

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?	

Hum, Soc & Pol Sciences Tripos Other

Name of organisation	Cambridge University - Girton College
What does the organisation do?	Cambridge College
Where were you located?	Girton College, Cambridge
What did you do?	Student Assistant. Take care of visiting summer students by organising and leading sports/social activities. Also involved introducing them to the Cambridge/British culture.
For how long did you do it?	4 - 8 weeks
In which vacation?	Summer
How did you first find out about this opportunity?	College Advertisement
What did you personally gain from the experience (insights, skills etc.)?	Interpersonal Communication. Intercultural Communication. Group Leading. Event Organisation and Execution
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?	They are considering taking in less students next year
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?	Penultimate
Which year did you have this experience?	2018
Do you have any other comments regarding your experience?	

Natural Sciences Tripos Finalist

Name of organisation	Cambridge University - Pembroke College International Programmes
What does the organisation do?	Organise exchange programmes with Nihon University and other universities in Japan as well as with universities across the US (PKP programme). The students come here for several weeks during which they have both academic lectures and time to learn about British culture.
Where were you located?	Pembroke College, Cambridge
What did you do?	I was a Programme Assistant - one in a group of 10, where we were responsible for pastoral care and organising social activities for students. The types of events we did included a ceilidh, karaoke nights, trips to e.g. London and Oxford, walk to Grantchester etc.
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 have learned a lot about Japanese culture (if you're learning Japanese then this is probably a good place to practice your language). I also improved on organising skills, teamworking, communication, leadership etc.
What were your average weekly earnings?	£250 - £399
How long in advance did you start to arrange this experience?	4-6 months
Do you think this opportunity might be available to other Cambridge students?	Yes
As a result of this experience were you offered anything?	References
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?	Intermediate (2nd of 4 year course)
Which year did you have this experience?	2018
Do you have any other comments regarding your experience?	

Natural Sciences Tripos Finalist

Name of organisation	Cambridge University - Pembroke College International Programmes
What does the organisation do?	Provides academic and social summer school programmes to Japanese High School and University students.
Where were you located?	Pembroke College, University of Cambridge
What did you do?	This summer, I worked as a Programme Assistant on Pembroke College's Nihon Summer School Programme. In my role, I worked closely as a team of 10 Programme Assistants to organise, plan and host the 4 week social calendar for over 70 Japanese university students attending the Summer School. I ensured the smooth running of events such as trips to London, bops and excursions around Cambridge. In addition, I aided the lecturers on the programme by helping with classroom duties, assisting the students with their writing skills and helping them to understand the lecture content. I thoroughly enjoyed my experience working on the Nihon Summer School and will never forget the people I met or the transferable skills I learned on the course.
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 learned a broad range of valuable transferable skills in my role as Programme Assistant. Through planning and executing entertainment events, I was able to reinforce my strong organisational ability. I also found that I was able to develop my interpersonal skills through acting as both a leader to the students but as a team member with the other Programme Assistants working on the course.
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?	Valuable transferable skills

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

Natural Sciences Tripos Finalist

Name of organisation	Cambridge University - Pembroke College International Programmes
What does the organisation do?	Pembroke International Programmes organises summer schools and other holiday academic programmes for high school and university students from around the world, with some programmes catering specifically to students from Japan and China.
Where were you located?	Cambridge, UK
What did you do?	I worked as a Programme Assistant, with responsibility for recreational activities and pastoral support for the students on the programme. This included planning and carrying out events and activities, running the programme office and student helpdesks, liaising with teachers on the programme to help organise their classes, among other things, both administrative and practical.
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 had a wonderful summer and learned so much about how running a summer programme works - both in terms of how to interact with students to give them the best time possible, and about the administrative work that goes into planning and carrying out the programme. In particular, I developed my skills in Excel and basic graphic design using Canva. I also made friends for life and got a taster of administrative office work, which I quite enjoyed and would be happy to do again.
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?	
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?	

Hum, Soc & Pol Sciences Tripos Finalist

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 or 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

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?	

Law Tripos Penultimate

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?	

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?	

Historical Tripos Penultimate

Name of organisation	Challenge (The)
What does the organisation do?	Provider for the National Citizen Service, a 4 week summer social integration and personal development programme for young people in the UK.
Where were you located?	Croydon, UK (with one week in Swindon, UK)
What did you do?	I was a senior mentor for a group of 15-16 year old young people. My role combined pastoral elements with leading them through 3 different parts to the programme: the Personal Challenge (an outdoor activity week), the Team Challenge (learning new skills such as public speaking and entrepeneurship) and the Real Challenge (designing and implementing a community 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.)?	Ability to lead, take responsibility, work with others and understand how to motivate them, particularly people with very different backgrounds to myself.
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;References
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?	Penultimate
Which year did you have this experience?	2018
Do you have any other comments regarding your experience?	

Mfg Engineering Tripos Finalist

Name of organisation	China UK Development Centre
What does the organisation do?	Organises summer schools/courses for foreign university students, mainly from China.
Where were you located?	Cambridge
What did you do?	Worked as a Teaching Assistant. Mostly work with students and their care.
For how long did you do it?	1 - 3 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 good insight into Chinese culture which always interested me. It was also a good experience of work with students which wasn't new, but different.
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?	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?	Penultimate
Which year did you have this experience?	2018
Do you have any other comments regarding your experience?	

Natural Sciences Tripos Finalist

Name of organisation	CL Global
What does the organisation do?	Runs summer courses all over the world, including in Cambridge, predominantly catering to Chinese university students.
Where were you located?	Cambridge, UK.
What did you do?	I was a residential assistant, meaning I supervised classes, organised activities, accompanied the students on day trips, and helped with the budgeting and administration of the summer school.
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 learned a lot about working under pressure. Our schedule was at times unpredictable so thinking quickly and keeping my cool was something I had to learn.
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?	References
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?	

Hum, Soc & Pol Sciences Tripos Penultimate

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

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?	

Hum, Soc & Pol Sciences Tripos Penultimate

Name of organisation	Come on Out Japan
What does the organisation do?	Summer camp to help Japanese teens develop their English-speaking skills
Where were you located?	Tokyo, Japan
What did you do?	Was a mentor to a group of 5 children, helping them speak English during camp
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.)?	Appreciation of different culture, and mad teaching skills
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?	None of the above
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?	Penultimate
Which year did you have this experience?	2018
Do you have any other comments regarding your experience?	

Hum, Soc & Pol Sciences Tripos Finalist

Name of organisation	Dubravushka Summer Camp
What does the organisation do?	English Language summer school for Russian school Chirldren
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

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?	

Mod & Med Langs Tripos Other

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

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?	

English Tripos Penultimate

Name of organisation	EnjoyRussian Language School/Tsentr Initsiativa
What does the organisation do?	Provides Russian lessons for foreigners and foreign language classes and summer schools for local/Russian-speaking children and adults.
Where were you located?	Petrozavodsk, Russia
What did you do?	I volunteered for 2 weeks in the language school to help with English classes and extra-curricular activities as part of the school's summer camp programme. In return, I received 2 weeks of Russian language tuition for free.
For how long did you do it?	1 - 3 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 huge improvement in my Russian skills, general confidence from living abroad, presentation skills and more experience working with children.
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?	You need a humanitarian visa (when applying from the UK at least), which is not difficult to get and the school are very helpful and supportive.

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?	

Mod & Med Langs Tripos Penultimate

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?	

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?	

Natural Sciences Tripos Penultimate

Name of organisation	Eurocamp
What does the organisation do?	Eurocamp is a holiday company with campsites and caravan parks in France, Italy, Spain, Portugal, the Netherlands, Austria, Switzerland, Germany, Luxembourg and Croatia.
Where were you located?	Carnac-plage, Brittany, France (Camping Des Menhirs)
What did you do?	I worked as a kids courier, which involved running kids club activities. I worked in a team of 7 Eurocamp employees, but we were also part of the campsite animation team with the French animateurs, so there were 12 of us total. We ran activities in pairs, with one English speaker and one French speaker, in the mornings and afternoons, and then occasionally worked evenings as well, leading mini-discos, helping with karaoke and performing in shows. We worked 35 hours a week, with one day off per week.
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 gained experience working with children of a range of ages (from 4 to 17) as well as customer service experience. Eurocamp ran a 5 day training course, which allowed me to gain a first aid qualification. I was also able to use and improve my French. At the same time, the job was fairly relaxed - I was a 10 minute walk from the beach, so I was able to spend my free time relaxing and having fun.
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?	You don't need a work permit if you're an EU citizen. Also, you are technically a British employee who is posted to the country, which has a number of implications you might want to consider.
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?	

Mod & Med Langs Tripos Finalist

Name of organisation	Footprints Tours
What does the organisation do?	Walking tours, both with summer school organisations and members of the public.
Where were you located?	Cambridge
What did you do?	Walking tours of Cambridge and Stratford Upon Avon, working both with summer school organisations and members of the public.
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.)?	Public speaking skills and intimate knowledge of Cambridge and Stratford Upon Avon.
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?	

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?	

English Tripos Finalist

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

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?	

Geographical Tripos Penultimate

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

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?	

Mathematical Tripos Penultimate

Name of organisation	i-Learner
What does the organisation do?	Run two tuition centres in Hong Kong teaching English, Maths, and Chinese. In the summer, they also run summer camps in local schools. They also operate an online learning platform.
Where were you located?	Tsim Sha Tsui, Hong Kong. The other tuition centre is based in Wan Chai, Hong Kong.
What did you do?	Taught regular classes in the tuition centre- led a summer camp trip to mainland China for a week- wrote and edited curriculum materials- wrote and edited online learning platform materials
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.)?	Enriching travel experience living and working abroad. Office experience with a multinational team. Juggling different projects with different supervisors. Teaching experience.
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?	Not formally offered but they would welcome me back next year for further vacation experience or a permanent job; also sure they would be happy to provide references.
If you needed a work permit or special visa, how did you obtain one?	They organised a training visa for me.

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?	

English Tripos Finalist

Name of organisation	Institut de Francais
What does the organisation do?	4 week residential French immersion courses for conversational French language learning using the audio-visual method.
Where were you located?	Villefranche-sur-Mer, just East of Nice, France
What did you do?	Spent 4 weeks learning French in one of the most enjoyable learning environments I have ever experienced.
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.)?	Improved my conversational French, became more confident with independence from living abroad for 4 weeks in self-catered accommodation, built a network of friends from across the globe.
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?	While the institute isn't going anywhere, the course will be prohibitively expensive for most students.
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?	

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?	

Information withheld.

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

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?	

Historical Tripos Penultimate

Name of organisation	National Citizenship Service The Challenge
What does the organisation do?	They run a 4 week programme for 16-18 year olds in which young people build teamwork and personal skills through two residential phases, and then plan and deliver a social action project in aid of local charities.
Where were you located?	Sutton, UK
What did you do?	Senior Mentor - I was responsible for a team of young people, helping them to complete the challenges before them and facilitating reflection and youth leadership throughout. This involved staying on the residential phases, and attending the non-residential phases too. I worked with a team of 4 SMs, as well as a Programme Leader, Assistant Programme Leader and a Social Action Manager to deliver the programme to the young people.
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 confidence in my abilities to get along with and facilitate discussion with young people, as well as independence and some great friendships! My public speaking abilities improved too, as it is a regular and important part of the role.
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?	This is a role I can return to in future breaks.;A job offer;Further vacation experience;Helpful contacts;References

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

Natural Sciences Tripos Finalist

Name of organisation	NaturKultur e.V.
What does the organisation do?	NaturKultur e.V. is an NGO based in Germany, which organises non-formal education programmes for young people from all over Europe.
Where were you located?	Bremen, Germany
What did you do?	I was mainly shadowing the organising team, so I assisted them in providing the logistics, organising the house and preparing materials for the workshops. I was also helping with the facilitation of some of the workshops, acting as an assistant, or a co-leader for group debriefings.
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 gained an insight into non-formal education, especially in methodologies around intercultural learning and youth work. I enhanced my organisational skills, learned to cope with cultural differences and conflicts, worked with young people age 18-28 from seven different European countries, and had a lot of fun! Managing groups, where the majority is your age or older, is quite a different experience, so I recommend this to anyone who thought that education is just about working in schools with kids. I furthermore decided that I will work in the NGO field in the future.
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?	They do not specifically look for Cambridge students. I applied because I knew the organisers. You can check their website and contact them if you are interested in being a shadow organiser/trainer.
As a result of this experience were you offered anything?	A job offer;Further vacation experience;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?	Intermediate (2nd of 4 year course)
Which year did you have this experience?	2018
Do you have any other comments regarding your experience?	

Information withheld.

Oxbridge Summer Camps Abroad
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).
In Beijing, China.
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!!
4 - 8 weeks
Summer
Social Media - LinkedIn, Facebook, Twitter 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.
Expenses only
7-9 months
Yes
Further vacation experience;Helpful contacts;References

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?	

Linguistics Tripos Penultimate

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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

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?	

Psych & Behav Sciences Tripos Penultimate

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?	

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?	

Hum, Soc & Pol Sciences Tripos Penultimate

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?	

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?	

Mathematical Tripos Penultimate

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

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?	

Historical Tripos Penultimate

Name of organisation	St Giles School of Languages
What does the organisation do?	A residential summer school for international students to learn English
Where were you located?	London, England
What did you do?	I led activities and supervised the children
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 teaching and childcare
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?	

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?	

Information withheld.