

# Work Placement Programme



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## MSc International Public Policy and Diplomacy

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### Programme Overview

The MSc International Public Policy and Diplomacy (IPPD) is a one-year full time Masters Degree designed for graduates aspiring to pursue a career in international policy environments such as departments of foreign affairs and other government ministries, international organisations, armed forces, aid agencies, non-governmental organisations and think-tanks.

### Course Content

- ▶ Global Policy Challenges
- ▶ International Political Economy
- ▶ Diplomacy and Foreign Policy
- ▶ EU Institutions & Policies
- ▶ European Security Policies
- ▶ International Language options
- ▶ Food Security in Humanitarian Crises
- ▶ International and EU Law

The MSc IPPD has a strong vocational element including:

- ▶ Policy-oriented brief and report writing
- ▶ Visiting speaker series
- ▶ Tailored career development
- ▶ Work Placement option

# Work Placement Module

## Headline Information:

Start date:	April
Duration:	3-5 months
Payment:	Ideally, we seek paid placements for all our students.
Retention:	Graduates are available for employment after placement.

## What is Work Placement?

Work placement is a three-way partnership between students, employers and the University. The work experience on offer should give students the opportunity to gain practical experience, relevant to their course and allow them to put into practice the theories and methodologies studied at University. It gives you, the employer, the chance to develop a valuable source of skilled graduates for your organisation.

## What is required of me as a placement employer?

- ▶ Identify a clearly defined role and provide a dedicated mentor to support the student for the duration of the placement.
- ▶ The mentor will act as a contact point for the University and the Employer and will meet with the Academic Mentor mid-way through the placement.
- ▶ Complete and submit placement paperwork as required.

## How do I select a student?

- ▶ Employer provides a job description which is advertised to students.
- ▶ Students' CVs will be sent to Employer for their consideration and review.
- ▶ Employers will shortlist candidates for interview.
- ▶ The University will facilitate every aspect of interview process for Employer.

## How is placement assessed?

- ▶ Students must complete an academic work-based dissertation which examines an area relating to the placement sector.
- ▶ The report is in addition to the day to day operational tasks as set out in their job description.

