Gateway guide to careers, further and higher education

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Gateway to Careers Advice

General

Careers Gateway
This website has information on jobs and careers and has links to professional bodies, trade associations and higher education institutions. 
www.careers-gateway.co.uk/

Careers A-Z
This web offers different types of information (jobs, courses, books) about both professional and non-professional careers. 
http://www.careersa-z.co.uk/type0.asp

National Career Advice
Website that offers information on careers. 
https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/Pages/Home.aspx

Government Websites

Gov.uk – Education
This service offers a lot of information for the for 14-19 year olds who want to do an apprenticeship. It also provides information about education, finding and internships. 
www.gov.uk/browse/education/find-course

Gov.uk – Job Search
This website provides information, advice and links to help you look for and find a job, as well as general information about your rights as a worker. 
www.gov.uk/browse/working/finding-job

Graduate

Prospects
This site offers graduate careers information on a wide range of related topics. 
www.prospects.ac.uk/index.htm

Graduate Jobs
This web enables you to search for graduate jobs, internships and courses. 
http://www.graduate-jobs.com/

Further Education

Hot Courses
This website enables you to search for further education and short courses nationwide. It describes itself as the UK’s largest course database. 
www.hotcourses.com/

Local Further Education
Esher College
When students join Esher College they become part of a community of over 1700 full-time students from 100 different schools. The college offer an extensive range of AS and A Level courses, including a good selection of those with a more vocational slant.
www.esher.ac.uk/

Ealing, Hammersmith and West London College
Local FE college offering courses including GCSEs, A-levels, ESOL, Access and Higher Education.
www.wlc.ac.uk

Kingston College
Kingston college provide a wide range of courses covering subjects including business, administration, and law; construction, planning, and the built environment; education and training; engineering and manufacturing technologies; health, and social sciences.
www.kingston-college.ac.uk

Richmond Upon Thames College
The Richmond Upon Thames College provides a huge range of subjects and courses at a number of different levels.
www.rutc.ac.uk/

South Thames College
South Thames College offers more than 2,000 different courses at their centres across South West London, including A-levels, Higher Education and vocational courses.
www.south-thames.ac.uk/

West Thames College
West Thames College is a successful college of further and higher education with a friendly atmosphere. The college is split over two sites, their main Isleworth Campus and the Feltham Skills Centre. Over 6,500 students from many different backgrounds choose to study with them each year.
www.west-thames.ac.uk

Higher Education

NUS
The NUS website offers a variety of useful information to students including advice on a wide range of topics from money to health, educational news and details of NUS campaigns.
www.nus.org.uk

Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education
The QAA publishes reports on the quality of teaching and assessment, support services for staff and students, academic standards, facilities and
Learning resources of individual institutions and academic reviews at subject level. These can be downloaded from their website.

www.qaa.ac.uk/

Universities and Colleges Admission Service (UCAS)
The UCAS website enables students to search for courses by subject, institution and geographical region and, once they have applied, they can track the progress of their applications. It also has statistics and information for school, college and higher education staff.

www.ucas.com

Local Higher Education
Kingston University
Kingston University offers undergraduate, graduate and research options in five different faculties: Faculty of Art, Design and Architecture, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, Faculty of Business and Law, Faculty of Health and Social Care Sciences, Faculty of Science, Engineering and Computing.

www.kingston.ac.uk

Roehampton University
The university offers courses in business school, dance, drama, theatre and performance, education, English and creative writing, graduate school, humanities, life sciences, media, culture and language, psychology, and social science.

www.roehampton.ac.uk/

St. Mary’s University
St Mary’s University offers a wide range of undergraduate, graduate and research opportunities. They prepare their students for flourishing lives, successful careers and social commitment through excellent, research-enriched teaching in a strong community of mutual respect based on their Catholic ethos and identity.

www.smuc.ac.uk

The University of West London
The University of West London provides undergraduate and graduate courses in a number of disciplines including law, design and media, music, nursing and midwifery.

www.uwl.ac.uk

Richmond American University London
Richmond degrees are accredited in the US and validated in the UK.

http://www.richmond.ac.uk
Distance Learning

Open and Distance Learning Quality Assessment Council
This organisation was set up by government in 1968 and they operate a voluntary registration scheme for providers of home study, distance learning, online or e-learning and other open learning courses. Their website has a database of 16,000 courses.
www.odlqc.org.uk

Association of British Correspondence Colleges
An association of correspondence colleges who all comply with a code of ethics set by the association. Their website has details of their member colleges and the courses they offer.
www.homestudy.org.uk

Open College of the Arts
This college offers a range of courses including art and design, calligraphy, dance and textiles.
www.oca-uk.com

The Open University
The Open University offers a wide range of course from diplomas and degrees to postgraduate courses.
www.open.ac.uk

Studying Abroad

Association of Commonwealth Universities
This site has details of scholarships and fellowships offered by the ACU, brief details of Commonwealth universities with links to their websites, and details of university job vacancies across the Commonwealth.
www.acu.ac.uk

Fulbright Commission
The Commission offers information on all aspects of the US educational systems and advice to students who want to study at an American university. There is also information on the Fulbright Awards Programme which is a reciprocal programme between the US and the UK, providing scholarships for postgraduate study and scholarships and fellowships for lecturing and/or research.
www.fulbright.org.uk

Universitas 21
This is a network of universities spread across ten countries worldwide which promotes exchanges between students of member universities and students of other universities.
www.universitas21.com
Gap Year

GapYear.com is a social network and travel advice website committed to providing you with everything you need to know about taking a gap year. They were created by backpackers, for backpackers, and offer expert advice on travelling, volunteering and working abroad, all tied together with inspirational ideas, opportunities and products.

www.gapyear.com/

Scholarships and Funding

Scholarship Search
This website has a searchable database for both undergraduate and postgraduate scholarships and awards.

www.scholarship-search.org.uk

The Art and Humanities Research Council
The Art and Humanities Board offer financial support for research and postgraduate training in the fields of arts and humanities.

www.ahrc.ac.uk