



The University of Sydney  
The Faculty of Economics and Business

# Careers and Employer Relations Office

The Faculty of Economics and Business is delighted to introduce its Careers and Employer Relations Office established specifically for the needs of its students, staff and employers.

## Why a faculty specific Careers Office?

The Faculty recognizes the importance of offering its students a dedicated and enhanced careers office in an increasingly competitive international market for University Business Schools, to complement the existing centralized Careers Centre on campus. This is the first of its type in Australia.

## How does this affect you?

A career is not just about work or a job. The Faculty's Careers Office is here to nurture and develop our students' lifelong career management skills. By this we mean assisting you to make important decisions about your future and helping you to achieve your career aspirations.

You will have access to faculty specific careers advice and resources, as well as an increasing level of employer activity – from the corporate and public sectors - and all of this means good things for your career!

## These include:

- On-campus lectures and workshops from business and the public sector
- Employer involvement in course-based group work projects
- Work integrated learning and mentoring experiences
- Internships including paid and unpaid work experience, vacation work
- Involvement with the Faculty's graduates - sourced from the employer community
- Careers information and resources relevant to your Economics and Business degree
- Faculty specific Careers events

Please turn over for Faculty Careers Advice...

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## What job would suit me?

"My Guide" lets you test your interests and values to clarify your career direction and to create an action plan to help you reach your career goals. Remember to think in terms of "career themes"- it is likely that there is more than just one job that would suit you!! [www.myfuture.edu.au](http://www.myfuture.edu.au)

## What course would I like, what degree should I study?

It's hard to know exactly how and what you will enjoy studying at university:

- Read the course outlines on the faculty website, talk to the academics at our open days, and speak to your school careers adviser.
- As a rule of thumb if you don't have a specific career in mind go broad- choose a degree that allows you to make up your mind as you go along- a journey of exploration. (Career practitioners believe that this kind of flexibility is the best way to approach the future world of work!) If you are sure then you can afford to be more specific- and take the journey with a known destination. In the Faculty of Economics and Business you will find that there is room to move in the course offerings.
- Choose courses that you are interested in and are therefore likely to do well in. This will help your grades along and probably align with your longer term career interests.

## What do employers look for?

Employers are keen to recruit graduates from this Faculty – and often simply require a "business degree". Other employers may be after specific qualifications eg., accounting, human resource management or finance. Just as important as these qualifications are the "soft skills" that prove that you will know how to work in teams, get on with and communicate clearly with other people, maybe play a leadership role, and know how to think and behave professionally. This means it is just as important to get involved in our clubs and societies, do some community work, and get some work experience whilst you are a student as it is to do well in your study. Your faculty CEO and the many fabulous clubs and societies in the faculty can help you here.

## What can I do with a major in marketing, finance etc.?

Our Faculty "Undergraduate Economics and Business Course Guide" is a good start. You can then move on to "The Job Guide". This excellent site includes hundreds of occupational profiles, and leads you through what jobs involve, employment opportunities in the field and links you to relevant websites to further your research. Remember to click on NSW when you do this: [www.jobguide.dest.gov.au](http://www.jobguide.dest.gov.au)

## Where can I read about graduate careers in more depth?

"Career Profiles" on the Graduate Careers Australia website provide detailed careers information and profiles across most graduate careers including: Accounting, Consultancy, Economics, Government, Human Resources, Information Technology, Marketing, Political Science & International Relations: [www.graduatecareers.com.au/content/view/full/25](http://www.graduatecareers.com.au/content/view/full/25)

## How much do jobs pay when you do a degree and what are employment rates like for different degrees?

GradsOnline will give you current national data on graduates' employment rates, salaries and jobs: [www.gradsonline.com.au/gradsonline](http://www.gradsonline.com.au/gradsonline)

## Where will the jobs be in the future?

Check out The Facts - Work and Employment at [www.myfuture.edu.au](http://www.myfuture.edu.au) for great information on trends of work and labour market information

**Employers want our Faculty's graduates. The reputation of the Faculty means that in the corporate world, our students are in demand. The Faculty's own Careers Office will provide the links between employers and students and assist them in making that important transition from University to the world of work. This will be the first step in your exciting career journey!**

## Where do our Faculty students end up?

### Private Sector:

ABN Amro • ANZ • Commonwealth Bank  
Citigroup • Deloitte • Deutsche Bank  
Energy Aust. • Ernst & Young • Horwarth  
IBM • JP Morgan • Macquarie Bank  
Macquarie Bank • UBS AG • KPMG  
PricewaterhouseCoopers • Westpac

### Public Sector:

- Australian Bureau of Statistics
- Australian Tax Office
- Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
- ACCC
- Department of Defence
- Dept of Employment and Workplace Relations
- NSW Department of Commerce
- Reserve Bank
- Treasury (State and Federal)
- University of Sydney

### Source:

Graduate Destination Surveys - Keep an eye on our website as the latest results are due out in September. [www.econ.usyd.edu.au/careers](http://www.econ.usyd.edu.au/careers)

### A note to parents:

This is a tricky time for parents- knowing when to advise, how to help and when to stand back. In the end the best decisions are made with access to the best information and parents can play an active role here. The websites and suggestions on this page are an excellent way to start. If your child has expressed an interest in a particular field think about anyone you may know in your network that might have the time to chat to them –in an "informational interview" or even provide some work shadowing/work experience.

Remember that there are many pathways to a satisfying and productive career - the key ingredients are flexibility, and versatility.

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