

# Students' strategies for managing their job search: engineering, design and manufacture

## Gender of students interested in the sector



Male 56%



Female 44%

## Use of social media for careers



20%



19%



76%



15%



18%

## Graduating in

2019/20

2018

2017



40%



20%



40%

## I expect to earn...

£26,980

23%

say 'a high starting salary is very important to me.'

59%

say 'a good work/life balance is very important to me.'

55%

say 'I'm worried about my future career.'

## Preferred way of engaging with recruiters

(top 6 in order)

- Stands at careers fairs
- Via the university careers service
- Guest lectures (academic)
- On-campus careers workshops
- Employer presentations
- Invitations to off-campus events

## I want to work at...

A large international company/firm.. 25%

A large UK-based company/firm ..... 17%

A small/medium size enterprise..... 13%

Any of the above ..... 38%

Don't know ..... 6%

## Work experience

Related to course

Unrelated to course



Penultimate years  
59%



Final years  
66%



Penultimate years  
82%



Final years  
83%

## Internships

For two or more months



Penultimate years  
26%



Final years  
37%

## Top subjects of study (top six only)

1 Engineering

2 Natural science

3 Business/  
management

4 Geography and  
environmental  
science

5 Medicine,  
dentistry and  
related subjects

6 Mathematical  
science/  
statistics