



Placement Scotland

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Shaping the stars of tomorrow

Getting Experience

through
e-Placement
Scotland



Career Prospects for Computing Graduates...

HESA figures released in July 10 showed that 17% of 2009 computing graduates were unemployed.

This compares with an average graduate unemployment rate of 10%.

“Despite continued efforts by universities, criticisms still included a lack of business and interpersonal skills as well as a limited appreciation of how an organisation works.” e-skills research 2009

What we do

- e-Placement Scotland is a three-year (2010-2013) initiative funded by the Scottish Funding Council
- The project makes available quality, paid placements for students studying computing, computer science, software engineering, IT
- You can use ePS to gain valuable industrial experience and improve your career prospects on graduation

Am I eligible?

There are only two criteria:

- You must be registered as a student in Scotland – the service is open to all Scottish Universities
- You must be returning to study on completion of the placement

What types of placement are available?

- Placements are with companies in the technology sector or in the IT divisions of large organisations
- **Part-time** placements commencing now, and many more in January 2012
- The majority of our placements are **full-time for three months** over the summer (July - September 2012)
- There is potential to **continue working** for the company on a part-time basis following a summer

P/T Roles recruiting NOW

- Web Editor, Logicalware
- Web & Mobile App Developer, moneydashboard
- Software Developer, SynGro
- Software Tester, SynGro
- IP TV and Video, Exterity

How do I apply?

- www.e-PlacementScotland.com
- Register on the website, complete a profile, upload your CV
- Look at the 'roles' as these appear on the website, and click a button to apply (no covering letter required)
- But first – is your CV as good as it could be?
- Get advice from Careers Service (interview skills also)

Elements of a good CV

- What computing **skills** have you developed through your studies?
- How strong is your **performance** relative to your peers?
- What other evidence do you have that you would be a **good fit** with the company?
-you can upload a fresh CV before each application, 'optimised' for the role

Next Steps: Keep in touch on Facebook

- Visit facebook.com/eplacementscot (or scan the QR code on the postcard) and 'like' our page
- You will be entered into our 'win an iPad' competition
- You'll be kept up to date with new placements as and when they become live on our website

Next Steps: Register on the Website

- Register, complete the profile, upload your CV and receive emails with vacancies that meet your criteria

[www.e-Placement Scotland.com](http://www.e-PlacementScotland.com)

- Any questions?

The Student Perspective

- **Diana Crisan**
- BSc Computer Science, University of Edinburgh
- Three Month Summer Placement (2011)
- Software Developer – Flexiant Ltd