

WIDENING PARTICIPATION NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME BACK TO THE LATEST WP NEWS

BY **LYNNE TROWER**

Welcome to the spring edition of our newsletter. This edition is full of opportunities, events, summer schools and resources. We hope that you find these useful. The Widening Participation scheme is here to support students and their progression in whatever subject area and via whatever route (university or apprenticeships) they choose.

The **Sussex Access programme** is a key central hub with a range of resources so we would encourage students to sign up for this – there is no expectation that you will apply to the University of Sussex. The University of Brighton **Outreach programme** is equally useful and will compliment many of the subject areas offered by the University of Sussex; students are able to register for both without obligation.

Please remember our scheme is here to provide information whatever your chosen route and if you require further information, please email wp@bhasvic.ac.uk. Also take a look at our VLE page for further careers information and opportunities.

UPDATES AT PARTNER UNIVERSITIES



Outreach Programme



Online and in-person activities are delivered by both university staff and student ambassadors. We can work with you to tailor our programme to suit your students. We are also developing more and more resources for students, parents, carers and practitioners using a variety of online platforms that allows users to work at their own pace, revisiting videos when they need.

Post-16 activities are open to all students, with priority booking for partner sixth forms and colleges, and students who are part of the University of Brighton Outreach programme.

To access pre-16 activities please contact outreach@brighton.ac.uk for more information.

Summer Schools

Our summer schools offer sixth form and college students an insight into what it's like to study a subject they love in higher education. Summer schools are **free**.

Summer schools are a great opportunity to find out more about the university experience from academics, students and university staff. Alongside taster sessions, students take part in a subject-specific project that could be used in their personal statements if they apply to university.

Information for applying for 2022 will be released in spring.

More Information About Events

Application Form





Access Programme



The University of Sussex Access Programme offers students support, guidance and experiences to help navigate their post-16 education options. It aims to help you make more informed choices about your future, and the steps you need to take to get there. The programme is completely free, and offers you all the tools you might need in one place, allowing you to shape your own journey.

The programme includes a variety of toolkits, on campus university visits and online content to help you make informed decisions. There are no compulsory elements of the programme, which means you can choose to book onto the events that are most useful or interesting for you. We are currently running Subject Days on our beautiful campus in Sussex, following COVID guidelines..

The programme includes the following:

- Information, Advice & Guidance (IAG) Toolkits
- Recorded IAG Webinars

Students who meet our more targeted criteria will be able to sign up to additional events as part of our Access Plus programme, including:

- **Academic Masterclass**
- **STEM Multi-Subject Taster Day**
- **Humanities and Social Sciences Multi-Subject Taster Day**
- **Summer Programme**

More information



Sign Up Here



Access to Southampton (A2S) / Ignite your Journey

At the University of Southampton, we take a lifecycle approach to Widening Participation and Social Mobility. Our flagship programme Ignite Southampton allows us to offer sustained and sequential support to students from groups under-represented in higher education.

Under the Ignite Southampton banner we offer:

- Ignite your Potential – for looked after children who are taking their GCSEs.
- Ignite your Journey – a transition programme for students in Year 12/13 who meet our eligibility criteria.
- Ignite your Success – supporting those in the most need to thrive whilst studying at Southampton.
- Ignite your Future – giving students the tools and resources needed to go into postgraduate study.

Ignite your Journey (2023 entry) will consist of:

- Academic skills support.
- Transition support.
- E-mentoring.
- Personal development opportunities.

Applications will open in June 2022. Register your interest here

Find out more & to apply.



Residential & Virtual Summer Schools

BHASVIC authorise attendance at these events as long as students are up-to-date with their studies and have good attendance



Apply to our virtual or residential programmes to experience what it's like to study a subject you love at university degree level. Our summer schools are FREE and open to year 12 students who attend a state school or college in the United Kingdom and meet our eligibility criteria.

Applications are now **OPEN**.

THE DEADLINE TO APPLY IS SUNDAY 3 APRIL.

Our **residential summer schools** are 5-day, 4-night on-campus programmes and take place on the following dates:

- **Faculty of Health & Medical Sciences | Monday 27 June - Friday 1 July**
- **Faculty of Engineering & Physical Sciences | Monday 4 - Friday 8 July**
- **Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences | Monday 4 - Friday 8 July**

Our **virtual summer school** is a 5-day programme and takes place on **Monday 18 - Friday 22 July**

During both the virtual and residential summer schools, you'll get to meet our academic staff and wonderful team of student ambassadors who are currently studying the courses that you are considering.



Find out more & to apply



University of Southampton

Experience University of Southampton Residentials

We are excited to hopefully once again offer our on campus residential opportunities for Year 12 students.

Our Experience UoS Residentials are **3-day, 2-night on-campus programmes**, giving you the opportunity to experience studying a subject at university. You'll learn in an academic environment and work with students from other schools and colleges through a timetable of lectures, practical activities and a variety of fun social activities in the evenings. You'll get to meet our enthusiastic team of Student Ambassadors studying the courses you are aspiring to, as well as academics, researchers and alumni.

These residentials are **free and open to Year 12 students who meet our academic and Widening Participation eligibility criteria** (see below).

You'll be provided with **free** accommodation and meals for the duration of the residential. The University of Southampton is also able to cover **up to £80** of the cost of travel to and from the residential.

Dates and subjects for this years residentials are:

26th - 28 July 2022

- [Chemistry](#)
- [Physics](#)
- [Mechanical Engineering](#)
- [Geography](#)
- [Marine Biology](#)
- [Oceanography](#)

2-4 August 2022

- [English](#)
- [Business](#)
- [Music](#)
- [Biological Sciences](#)

Closing date is on Monday 4th April 2022



Find out more & to apply.



Summer Schools will take place in June and July 2022, applications will open in early 2022

Online Summer School

Our 2022 Summer Schools will involve **both online elements and a short residential on either Monday 11th - Wednesday 13th July or Wednesday 20th to Friday 22nd July 2022. Further information and applications will be available in early 2022.**

We will offer a range of Summer Schools across a variety of subjects allowing you to experience online subject lectures and seminars alongside some independent study and work towards an academic assignment. This will be supplemented by a campus experience residential to give you an overview of student life at Lancaster.

Applications will open in early 2022 via the link below.

Our Summer Schools traditionally provide you with the chance to experience a range of information sessions, live lectures, discussions with our student ambassadors and work towards and assignment for an academic subject.

Medicine Summer School

Our 2022 Medicine Summer Schools will involve **both online elements and a short residential on Sunday 19th to Wednesday 22nd June 2022. Further information and applications will be available in early 2022.**

Our Medical Summer School will involve a number of live online sessions supplemented by a range of tasks to complete and self study. The online elements will lead to a residential element including visits to the three involved medical schools.

The Summer School aims to provide you with a full insight into life studying medicine, balancing skills development and experience of undergraduate level study with social and leisure activities giving you a chance to experience life with three different UK medical schools.

Find out more





Discover Bath

Discover Bath is a summer programme which aims to give prospective students a taste of first-year life and study at the University of Bath, together with the opportunity to gain an alternative offer (see details below).

Discover Bath is free-of-charge, including on-campus accommodation, free meals for the duration of your stay, a programme of academic sessions (lectures, seminars, workshops) and fun social activities. Your travel to the University can be reimbursed (reasonable travel within the UK only).

Discover Bath is available to all Year 12 (or equivalent) students who are academically able to study at Bath in their chosen subject and meet our widening participation criteria.

If you do not meet our widening participation criteria then unfortunately you won't be eligible for Discover Bath but you may wish to consider our Step into Bath residential instead.

Subjects on offer

Science	Engineering	Social Sciences	Management & Business
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biology • Chemistry • Computer Science • Mathematics • Pharmacy • Physics 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chemical Engineering • Civil Engineering • Electronic & Electrical Engineering • Mechanical Engineering • Robotics 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Criminology • Economics • Education • Health • French • Politics • Psychology • Sociology 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business • Management
Mon 1 Aug to Thurs 4 Aug (3-night stay)	Mon 1 Aug to Thurs 4 Aug (3-night stay)	Mon 8 Aug to Thurs 11 Aug (3-night stay)	Mon 8 Aug to Thurs 11 Aug (3-night stay)

[Find out more](#)

Pathway to Property Summer School

25th - 28th July 2022



Henley
Business School

UNIVERSITY OF READING

The summer school is a **four day, fully funded residential course** held on campus at Henley Business School, University of Reading. During the four days you will get a real insight into the property sector and learn about different career routes into the industry.

Deadline for applications is 21st May 2022

Over the four days you will get to:

- Sit in on taster lectures, exploring current themes in property, with the chance to interact with the lecturers and other participants
- Visit various development sites and learn about how they operate
- Take part in a group project, culminating in a group presentation at the end of the event
- Learn about the great career opportunities available from some of the top employers in the industry
- Get to hear from recent graduates and apprentices about their experience of the industry
- Hear first-hand from current Real Estate and Planning students about what it is like to study property and go to university
- Develop key skills needed in the workplace such as networking, presentation skills and confidence

The summer school is free to complete, with all accommodation, food and travel costs covered by Pathways to Property.

Who can apply?



**Find out more information
& apply.**



Residential Insight into University Courses - Summer 2022



Industrial Cadets

Take a look at these residential courses at individual universities. Please note that fees to attending are attached and listed below.

Maths at Lancaster University

Course dates : 25th to 28th July 2022 - 3 nights residential

Course cost: £375

Materials Science at University of Cambridge

Course dates: 3rd - 7th July 2022 - 4 nights residential

Course cost : £475

Mechanical Engineering at UCL

Course dates: 27th - 30th June 2022 - 3 nights residential

Course cost : £375

Robotics & Autonomous Systems at University of Liverpool

Course dates: 4th - 7th July 2022 - 3 nights residential

Course cost : £375

Broad-based Engineering at University of Sheffield

Course dates: 25th - 29th July 2022 - 4 nights residential

Course cost : £475

Applications close on Thursday the 31st of March 2022

Find out more information
& apply.



Events



GBMet Outreach Activities

We offer a range of activities working with industry professionals and collaborating with community partners designed to raise aspirations and give insight into higher-level study and graduate careers

Theatre Spring Programme

- **For 16-25 year olds***
- **Dates: Monday 11 April -14 April, 10am-3pm**
- **Location: West Durrington Campus**

This four-day project puts you at the centre of an intensive theatre making process, devising and staging a new piece of work by the end of the final day.

Find out more information





Games Careers Week

17th - 26th June 2022

A free online festival to inspire people from every background to discover careers in the UK's fastest growing creative industry - video games.

Get involved with over 50 online events including:

- Career talks
- Games studio open events
- University careers shows
- Careers fair, awards shows and conference
- Games development classes
- Talks, workshops and exhibitions at the National Videogame Museum
- Portfolio pitch events
- The Games Education Virtual Summit

Find out more information



insight into
UNIVERSITY

20th June - 14th August 2022

Duration - 30 hours of study to be completed at your own pace.

*****£75 fee towards the cost of administration and the Industrial Cadets Silver award. Bursary places are available, please indicate your interest on the application form. *****

Insight into University (previously known as Headstart & Inspire) is a comprehensive online course allowing students to experience STEM studies at university and the career opportunities that these subjects lead to. The course is open to all students age 16+ and it is suitable for all academic abilities - all that is required is a genuine interest in STEM subjects.

This course provides a unique opportunity for students to access content, activities, lectures, and live sessions from various nationwide universities. It will also offer some fantastic workshops and careers guidance from GSK, BP, Balfour Beatty, GE, Tech Partnership....and others. His Royal Highness Prince of Wales Ambassadors will be participating in exclusive live Q&A sessions and students will have an opportunity to be selected for a 1:1 mentoring session with a STEM business leader or an HRH ambassador. Our student support team is here for you at studentrecruitment@etrust.org.uk



Find out more information

SOCIAL MOBILITY FOUNDATION*

SMBP Work Insights & Skills Week


The award-winning Social Mobility Business Partnership is running a Work Insight & Skills Programme for students in Year 12. The programme will provide you with the opportunity to spend time with four different high-profile organisations where you will learn about their business, the career routes available to you and develop key skills by getting involved in interactive business-like tasks. Last but not least, you will also spend a day with a professional sports club learning about the psychology of resilience, coping mechanisms and goal achievement models.

Our Work Insight & Skills Programmes run for a full week giving you the opportunity to develop key skills employers look for when recruiting, learn from some of our 170+ business partners based across the UK and boost your confidence and motivation.

Important Information for Students

Attendance on all five days of a Programme is compulsory

Travel arrangements for students to attend a programme will be arranged and paid for by SMBP in advance.




Calling all Year 12 & 13 Students!
SMBP Work Insight & Skills Week

The award-winning Social Mobility Business Partnership is running multiple Work Insight & Skills programmes across 2022.

The programme will provide you with the opportunity to spend time with four different high-profile organisations where you will learn about their business, the career routes available to you and develop key skills in business-like tasks. Last but not least, you will also spend a day with a professional sports club learning about the psychology of resilience, coping mechanisms and goal achievement models.

SMBP partners with over 160 businesses in the U.K. Here are just a few examples of partners you could spend time with during your week:



Information for students...

- Students will need to apply for the programme and meet the SMBP eligibility criteria.
- Attendance on all five days is compulsory.
- SMBP will provide each student with their agenda for the week.
- The cost of all student travel will be covered and lunch provided.

SMBP Eligibility Criteria...

Students must:

- Have attended a state-funded, non fee-paying school/college; and
- Be in Year 12 or Year 13; and
- Have a average GCSE score of 5.5 or above

Plus one of the following:

- Be first generation to attend university in their family; or
- Been eligible for free school meals in the last 6 years; or
- Be from a low income household*

*where the gross household income is less than the national average in that area.



2022 Programme Dates

11th - 15th April
National Online Week

11th - 15th April
Cardiff

20th - 24th June
Glasgow

4th - 8th July
Belfast

11th - 15th July
North East

25th - 29th July

Birmingham Bradford Brighton	Bristol Cambridge Cardiff	Leeds Norwich North West	Reading Rugby & Coventry South Yorkshire
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1st - 5th August
London

24th - 28th October
Dorset

Apply here now!



More Information

Slideshow Presentation

(click here and download for audio)

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DE:CONSTRUCT 2022 at Goldsmiths, University of London
Monday 28 – Thursday 31 March 2022



Are you passionate about the environment? Or curious to how our world is evolving? Glimpse into the past and future of design, science and society with our free learning festival.

Goldsmiths, University of London is bringing together leading speakers to explore how our environment is changing with a series of thought-provoking online talks and workshops.

This year we're joined by ZSL London Zoo, The Science Museum, The Victoria and Albert Museum, a Former Design Museum curator, Goldsmiths academics from Law, Psychology, Visual Cultures and many more to discuss 'Our Changing Environment', discovering how our world is changing socially, physically and biologically. Browse all sessions.

Students in Year 12 or first year college can join the conversation by booking a free place for the online festival

If you have any questions, please contact outreach@gold.ac.uk

[More Information](#)





Amazing Futures - SEND Opportunity

Amazing Futures is the name of the peer support project for young people with additional needs aged 14–25 in Brighton & Hove and East Sussex.

The project is for young people aged 14–25 who have any kind of special educational needs or disabilities (SEND). Many of our services are available in both Brighton & Hove and East Sussex, but some are only available in Brighton & Hove at the moment.

The project started in April 2017, and currently includes:

- **Peer support activity groups, and one-to-one peer support** (Brighton & Hove and East Sussex)
- **Information through our website** on a number of topics, including daily living, education, housing, and health & wellbeing. This section is still growing, so check back soon for more!
- **Young people's advisory group** – so you can get involved and tell Amaze how we can help young people
- **Casework support** offering information and advice on a number of topics (Brighton & Hove and East Sussex)
- **One-to-one support with DLA and PIP applications** (Brighton & Hove only)

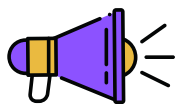
In addition to Amazing Futures, we currently offer two other services for young people:

- **Looking Forward**, a career support programme for young people with SEND in Brighton & Hove and East Sussex
- The **Compass Card** – young people with significant additional needs in Brighton & Hove and West Sussex can access special deals and offers through this leisure discount card

We also sometimes offer **workshops, info sessions and other fun events!**

Find out more





FREE Opportunity - limited spaces

Ambition X Platform Programme

As part of the Widening Participation scheme at BHASVIC we are able to offer **limited places** on the InvestIN Ambition X platform. This platform allows 12 months free access to careers sessions run by a top UK careers provider. The sessions will all be online and run at the weekends. You are able to attend as many courses as you would like, these sessions cover everything from Medicine, Film Making, Journalism, Engineering and many more (there are 28 career sectors to choose from please see attached leaflet). This free access will help you not only understand more about the careers you are considering, but will also provide you with access to leading industry figures who can advise you regarding applications and your future choices.

Please take a few minutes to look at the attached information and then if you feel that you would benefit from this opportunity **please email careers@bhasvic.ac.uk** and title the email Ambition X and also include your name, please also state your main areas of interest in the email. If there are more applications than places, we will choose the successful applicants at random.

This opportunity would normally cost £165 per course and successful applicants will be able to register for as many courses as they want during the following 12 months. Please make sure that you are able to have access to a device for the time needed, courses are normally run on a Saturday and Sunday from 11.00 until 17.00.

More Information



Other Information

BHASVIC students also get contextual offers from Bristol and Exeter universities. Please check other university websites to see if they make contextual offers.



Royal Holloway Contextual Offers

Royal Holloway believe that everyone should have access to higher education which is why a contextual offer for students has been developed to meet certain Widening Access criteria.

Our contextual offer is a reduction of up to **2 grades lower*** compared to the original entry requirements advertised on our website and undergraduate prospectus. The contextual offer is made to students who meet certain eligibility criteria (see below) who are from backgrounds or personal circumstances that means they are generally less likely to go to university.

***Subject specific grades and GCSEs are not part of the contextual offer**

*** Does not include the Integrated Foundation Year**

More Information



The Geospatial Scholarship Fund

Supporting undergraduate and postgraduate study of **Geography** and **Geoscience**

The geospatial scholarship fund aims to support disadvantaged students from various communities to achieve their full potential in higher education by removing much of the financial stress of studying in higher education.

More Information



Schroders

Designed to deliver the insight and understanding to kick-start your career. These programmes are focused on giving trainees vital skills and knowledge that will last a lifetime

We have roles in Compliance, Corporate Governance, Wealth Management (Charities), Audit, Investment (Data Insights/ ESG), Operations, Sales and Client Services, Marketing, Finance and Accounting, Fund Services and Technology. Our roles are based across London and our Broadlands Hub in Horsham.

12 Month Traineeships

A year long fixed-term contract for school leavers. The traineeship delivers valuable training and practical, paid work experience. The programme combines formal training from experts inside Schroders and from across the industry. There are opportunities and support to gain formal qualifications and lots of chances to build lasting professional relationships.

For those unsure if university is the right choice for them, this is a great entry point for anyone wanting to explore a career in the investment management industry.

[Find out more](#)

Apprenticeships

This is a permanent, salaried position offering an entry-level role at Schroders for school leavers. There are apprenticeship opportunities in teams across our business. Each offers the chance to gain expertise and experience in a diverse range of professions, from fund management to research, marketing, finance and technology.

As well as practical work experience, the initial two years of the programme include formal training designed to build expertise and personal capabilities. All of our apprenticeships are fully accredited. Many of our apprentices build long-term careers at Schroders, but wherever their work takes them, they know their training is recognised and valued.

[Find out more](#)

[Entry Level Programmes](#)

General Careers Information

For students – School Leaver 200

Designed for 15 to 18 year old school and college students, this guide ranks the top 200 school leaver employers in the UK and offers advice and information.



Key features

- Explains all the options/routes post-18.
- Covers career paths and opportunities within many of the UK's largest industries/employers.
- Showcases employers and career stories of young professionals.
- Includes practical advice for school leavers.



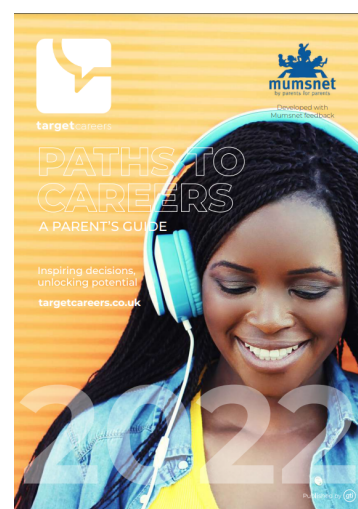
Download digital copy.

For Parents – Paths to Careers

The content of this guide was developed following a survey conducted on Mumsnet, it offers advice to parents on supporting their child with their career choices, on making decisions about university, and on employer programmes.

Key features

- Introduces and explains all the options/routes post-18.
- Covers career paths within many of the UK's largest industries and professions.
- Details the pros and cons of each 'route'.
- Showcases career stories of young professionals looking back on how they got there.
- Includes practical advice for parents on where to go for careers information, who to speak to and how they can best support their children in making decisions.



Download digital copy.

Your Game Plan

YourGamePlan?

Get certificates for online courses. Be work-ready and great for CV's

Shape your future careers and stand out from the crowd with **FREE** digital courses to help teach you transferable and employability skills for the workplace. They also teach you about the different sectors you can have careers in.

Standing out from the crowd can be difficult when you're all starting off at the bottom of the ladder. You need to give yourself a competitive edge...but how? **That's where we come in...**

At YourGamePlan, we are all about compiling the best resources for you to upskill yourself with the knowledge to help raise your CV to the top of the pile. By signing up to YourGamePlan you'll learn...

- What employers are looking for (and how to make sure that's you!)
- Insider knowledge and tips on how to get hired from leading UK organisations
- Access to the freshest opportunities going
- CV enhancing skills – complete with certificates
- Online courses you can access anywhere with **the chance to WIN incredible prizes... all completely FREE.**

Explore the YourGamePlan courses

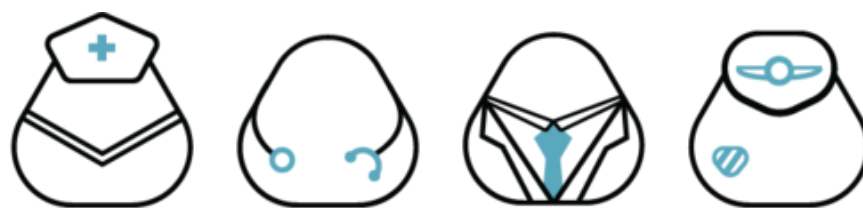
Philosophy Essay Competition 2022



The Sheffield Philosophy Essay Competition is now open to students in Years 10, 11, and 12 in the UK and they are invited to submit an essay on one of the topics. Only one essay per student is permitted. [FIND OUT MORE HERE](#)

The authors of the ten best entries will each receive a **prize of a £25 voucher** and an invitation to take part in a special virtual workshop organised by the Department of Philosophy at the University of Sheffield, involving academics and current students from the department. The Workshop will be held on **Monday 9 May 2022.**

Closing date Thursday 31 March 2022 at 5pm



careerdays.co.uk

Bursaries

We have bursaries available for UK and International students to enable them to attend our courses without charge or at a reduced cost. There are 150 free places available each year & a further 100 at a reduced cost for those students requiring financial help if you are based in the UK.

In order for you to qualify you must meet **three** of the following criteria:

- Attending a publicly funded school or college
- Receive free school meals
- Be on track or have attained a minimum of 5 A*- B GCSE's
- First in their family to attend university
- Either parents in receipt of either Jobseeker's Allowance, Universal Credit or Income support.

Due to the large amount of applications for bursaries we receive, we may not be able to give you an individual response but we will be in touch if you are successful.

More Information





This university offers engineering courses to non-maths students and is accredited by Kings College London.

We recognise that choosing to study a degree is a big decision, and how to fund your studies is a big part of that decision. We want you to understand the full range of options and opportunities available to you if you choose to study at TEDI-London.

Bursaries

TEDI-LONDON FINANCIAL SUPPORT ARRANGEMENTS

At TEDI-London we will award bursaries to students if they come from a low-income family or if they are a care leaver. This can help students who may face more barriers to attending full-time education, enabling them to access a degree at TEDI-London.

The Student Hub can support students experiencing financial difficulties. We can check that you are receiving all the funding and benefits you are entitled to. We can also help you with budgeting and to understand your expenditures.

Please note that you will only receive one bursary, even if you are eligible for more than one.

Scholarships

We want to ensure that a diverse range of students are able to study with us. Our scholarships portfolio is designed to support this. Explore our range for students joining in 2022:

- **ASSESSMENT CENTRE PERFORMANCE SCHOLARSHIP**
- **WOMEN IN ENGINEERING SCHOLARSHIP**
- **LOCAL COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP**
- **BLACK ENGINEERS SCHOLARSHIP**
- **UPSKILLING AND RETRAINING SCHOLARSHIP**
- **INTERNATIONAL EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIP**

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN!

More Information

