

Issue 1 - Wednesday

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# Faculty of Science Brokerage Newsletter



The Faculty of Science Brokerage Group consists of Academic and Support Staff representatives who meet regularly to discuss Brokerage matters arising within the Faculty. The Brokerage Newsletter has been devised to report back the matters discussed and keep all Faculty of Science Staff up to date.

**The following items have been discussed at the most recent Faculty of Science Brokerage Meeting:**

### **Paid Internships**

The LJMU Employer Brokerage Team, who are responsible for expanding the University's connections with external organisations, are currently targeting organisations for paid internships.

Internships will be advertised to students once they have a higher number of vacancies. Interviews tend to take place around November/December. Graduate internships will be advertised later in the year.

If you know of any organisations who may be willing to offer paid internships for students, please contact Tricia Delwadia (Brokerage Officer) Tel: 0151 904 6034 Email: [T.Delwadia@ljmu.ac.uk](mailto:T.Delwadia@ljmu.ac.uk)

### **LJMU Brokerage Support for Work-Related Learning**

The Faculty of Science Brokerage Officer, Tricia Delwadia, can work with academics to enhance Work Related Learning (WRL) in programmes and assist with making beneficial links with employers. Examples of work that Tricia has been involved with are:

- Biosciences Employer Event
- Psychology/Sports Science Employer Events
- Guest Speakers in modules (with defined learning outcomes)
- Assistance with sourcing placements

For more information, contact Tricia Delwadia Tel: 0151 904 6034 Email: [T.Delwadia@ljmu.ac.uk](mailto:T.Delwadia@ljmu.ac.uk)

## DBS Updates

DBS is the new name for CRB, and there have been some changes in the way we deal with DBS applications.

There is now much stricter oversight of organisation's reasons for requesting a DBS check and this has resulted in police forces requesting information from organisations about which laws entitle them to request the DBS check. This means we can only request a DBS check where it is needed as part of a student's course and only where they will be left unsupervised with children or vulnerable adults.

The Faculty has gone electronic! DBS applications are now completed online making the process much faster. Students can also register to a DBS Update Service which means that a DBS check can be both current and portable.

Current students with LJMU DBS certificates can sign a 'Self Declaration of Good Character' form for as long as they are a student and as long as their criminal record remains the same.

Further Faculty DBS information available via:

<http://www.ljmu.ac.uk/Faculties/SCS/114857.htm>

If you have any questions with regards to DBS checks, contact the World of Work Skills Support Unit Tel: 0151 231 2079 Email: [Scienceworldofwork@ljmu.ac.uk](mailto:Scienceworldofwork@ljmu.ac.uk)

## Recognised Good Practice within the Faculty of Science

The School of Sport and Exercise Science have introduced a process by which placement opportunities are agreed and set up over the summer for the forthcoming academic year, prior to advertising to students. All placement opportunities are then advertised using a 'Fact File' in the form of a Job Description. The efficiency of this process has resolved insurance issues prior to students confirming placements.

### Placements

The financial burden on students wanting to carry out a year-long placement is increasing. Academic staff have expressed difficulty in finding paid student placements and placement fees have increased from £610 to £975 per year.

Although not ideal, it is legal for un-paid placements to be used as part of the curriculum, however for work outside of the curriculum, students should be paid minimum wage. This has raised discussions about the differences between un-paid work, work experience, work shadowing and voluntary work and how we can best support our students so that they can get relevant work experience without being taken advantage of.

The Students' Union has also raised concerns about un-paid work. The University is taking action by looking at student funding/bursaries and 'un-paid placements' is also an item on the Work Based Learning (WBL) Working Group agenda.

## Careers and Employability Events updates

### Past Events 2013/2014:

Name of Event	Date & Time	Information	Students attended
Pharmaceutical Industry Event	Wednesday 9th October 2013 2:00 – 4:00pm	Eli Lilly & Pharmaserve	62 students attended – Level 5 and 6 ACAPS, Biomedical Science & Mpharm students.
Graduate Schemes Uncovered	Wednesday 2nd October 2013 2:00 – 3:30pm	Event in response to the low figures for Graduates in Professional Managerial Roles	Approximately 60 students attended
Graduate Schemes Uncovered	Wednesday 23rd October 2013 TBC		TBC
Routes into Teacher Training (for Sports Science students)	Thursday 26th September 2013 9:30 – 11:00am		30 students attended
Post-Graduate Study Options (for Sports Science students)	Thursday 24th October 9:30 – 11:00am		TBC

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**Up-coming Events 2013/2014:**

Name of Event	Date & Time	Information	Students attended
Careers in Physiotherapy & Nutrition	Wednesday 20th November 2013 10:00-12:00pm	Speakers TBC	40 students signed up
Careers in Exercise & Fitness	Next Semester		TBC
Applying to Graduate Courses in Dentistry & Medicine	Wednesday 30th October 2013 2:00 - 3:00pm	Talks from two University of Liverpool Medical Students. Information on Application processes & requirements.	TBC
Pursuing a Career in Clinical Psychology	Wednesday 4th December 2013 2:00 - 3:00pm	Workshop to be delivered by Dr James Reilly (Admissions tutor or the Doctorate in Clinical Psychology at The University of Liverpool).	TBC
Pharmacy Pre-Registration Employer Event	Wednesday 12th February 2013 2:00 - 5:00pm	Opportunity for students to speak directly to employers who have pre-registration hospital, community & industry opportunities	TBC

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Name of Event	Date & Time	Information	Students attended
Psychology in Application II Placement & Volunteering Fair	Wednesday 13th November 2013 1;00 - 3:00pm	Opportunities for Students to engage with employers for placements & volunteering. Talks from organisations about careers, experience & placements.	TBC
Graduate Schemes Uncovered	October		TBC

For further information on Career/ Employability Events, contact Laura Aldridge (Careers Advisor) Tel: 0151 231 8686 Email: L.Aldridge@ljmu.ac.uk

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Should you have any information you wish to feed back to the Faculty of Science Brokerage Group, good practice you would like to share or any input with regards to the items mentioned above please contact your School Representative or Katie Lawrence.

Date of the next Faculty of Science Brokerage Meeting: **Wednesday 4th December 2013.**

All comments to be sent to your School Representative/ Secretary by: **Wednesday 20th November 2013.**