

CAREERS NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2021 – EDITION 10



WELCOME

Welcome to the first edition of our Careers Newsletter for the 2021/2022 academic year! We hope we are meeting our aim to provide you with careers support and guidance while you are with us and beyond.

Here at NCATI we are keen that you can access all the Careers education, advice, information and guidance (CEAIG) that you need to plan your development and future with us or in the workplace.

If you would like to see anything in a future edition, please email careers@ncati.ac.uk with your suggestions.

If you are an apprentice, some of the content may be of interest to your employer – so please feel free to share.

WHAT WE DO

- **1:1 appointments** to discuss specific areas of guidance required
- **Curriculum session delivery** planned with the curriculum staff.
- **Small group careers workshops** on a range of areas like CV's, applications and interviews.
- **Career planning**
- **Drop in sessions**
- **Remote appointments**
- **Support to find employment**

CAREERS CONTACTS

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WE ARE OPEN

Birmingham Campus (Remote Guidance Only)

Remote Monday - Friday
9.00am - 3.00pm

Doncaster Campus (Room 133)

Onsite Monday & Tuesday
9.00am - 3.00pm

Remote Wednesday - Friday
9.00am - 3.00pm

PLEASE BE AWARE THAT DUE TO UPDATED COVID RESTRICTIONS WE MAY DELIVER SUPPORT REMOTELY AT TIMES

WHERE TO FIND CAREERS SUPPORT

- **Campus office** Doncaster Room 133
- **Canvas** (NCATI learner portal) under the Careers & Employability section
- **Careers notice boards** in Birmingham reception area & Doncaster first floor atrium
- **Digital display screens** at both campuses
- **NCATI website**
- **This Newsletter!**

THINGS TO DO

- Write / update your CV
- Send your CV to the Careers Team for guidance and checking
- Notify the Careers Team if you want an industry mentor and in which specialisms
- Notify the carers team about work experience specialisms and locations you would like

If you would like any further information, please don't hesitate to contact us on:

☎ 0330 120 0375

✉ enquiries@ncati.ac.uk

🌐 ncati.ac.uk

- If you are nearing your EPA please book and Exit Interview with your Apprenticeship Officer.

PRE - WARNING

- Search for Graduate Programmes with employers as you will need to apply for most between September and December '21
- Search for Apprenticeship vacancies, there are more around from September '21 – March '22 than at other times of year. Register on [Find an apprenticeship - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#) and directly on employer websites for alerts /twice weekly checking, if you have not already done so.

EVENTS

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/>

Add filters; 'rail' 'engineering' 'Free' 'this month'

Birmingham Engineering & Technology Careers Fair 2021

October 20th, 2021

12.00pm- 15.30pm

Millennium Point, Curzon Street
Birmingham

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/birmingham-engineering-technology-careers-fair-2021-tickets->

Network Rail Employer Talk

October 4th, 2021

[Network Rail Employer Talk Tickets, Mon 4 Oct 2021 at 17:00 | Eventbrite](#)

Planning your Career Ahead

October 21st, 2021

[Planning your Career Ahead Tickets, Thu 21 Oct 2021 at 14:00 | Eventbrite](#)

CHAIN Manchester 2021: Engineering Career Conference

October 23rd, 2021

[CHAIN Manchester 2021: Engineering Career Conference Registration](#)

Manchester Engineering & Technology Careers Fair 2021

October 15th, 2021

[Manchester Engineering & Technology Careers Fair 2021 Tickets.](#)

Schools & Colleges Engineering & Technology Virtual Careers Festival 2021

October 22nd, 2021

[Schools & Colleges Engineering & Technology Virtual Careers Festival 2021 Tickets.](#)

Women in Engineering 2021

October 13th, 2021

[Women in Engineering 2021 Tickets.](#)

UoB Online Free Courses

<https://www.birmingham.ac.uk/postgraduate/courses/moocs/index.aspx>

Sheffield University Online Free Courses

<https://www.sheffield.ac.uk/online-learning/futurelearn>

UoB Distance Learning Courses

<https://www.birmingham.ac.uk/postgraduate/courses/distance/listing.aspx>

KEY DATES

September '20 – October '20; UCAS course search tool is live

September '20 – October '20; Applications 'Live' is open. Register and start your application

8 September '20; Submit your UCAS application in full. Universities can offer a place.

15 January '21; 1st application deadline, 'equal consideration' ends.

25 February '21; UCAS 'Extra' opens. If you have not had an offer you can apply for another university course.

31 March '21; Universities offer places

WHAT'S ON

*What to look at on Canvas to support you.
This often links to 'Things to Do.'*

Graduate Recruitment and Assessment Centres

This will help you to understand what employers' graduate recruitment processes 'look like' and also help you to prepare for higher intensity application and interview processes for roles with a degree qualification.

Mentoring and Work Experience

So that you know what our offer is, your role and a mentor's role. Suitable for all of you on full time programmes.

How to create a CV and cover letter

A robust CV is useful for all industry employment or progression with your existing employer, applying for apprenticeships and forms a basis for UCAS application for degree programmes and Level 4 Cert HE at NCATI. Suitable for all learners.

Why HE?

Useful for Level 3 Access learners if you are not sure if you want to carry on in an education setting or look for employment after your Level 3 Access to HE.

How to choose the right Degree?

Are you a Level 3 Access learner who doesn't know which degree to choose once your course finishes? Let this support help you make some decisions to suit you.

HE Personal Statements

A must for anyone thinking about applying for a degree course or Level 4 Cert HE. You will need to submit a personal statement to UCAS to apply for your place.

HE Finance and other funding.

Most HE courses will need funding to pay for the course, let this support bust the myths you have heard about how degree courses are paid for – and paid back! Helpful for any learners applying for degree courses.

USEFUL LINKS

- To source higher level apprenticeships <https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>
- To look at for employment opportunities <https://www.railwaypeople.com/>
- Uni taster days and support <https://www.unitasterdays.com/search.aspx?PG=3&SID=8&SFID=5&Sort=D>

Sheffield Hallam University Links

- Engineering Department Facilities Video <https://youtu.be/icZQlcnK-8Y>
- 'Visit Us' page where all SHU open days and Higher Degree Apprenticeships events will be advertised and you are able to sign up to attend- <https://www.shu.ac.uk/visit-us>
- SHU Higher Degree Apprenticeships Page <https://www.shu.ac.uk/business/training-and-development/degree-apprenticeships>
- SHU Engineering Degrees <https://www.shu.ac.uk/courses/engineering>
- Application support videos and 'how to' on UCAS and personal statements, finance, student life, HDAs etc. <https://www.shu.ac.uk/about-us/schools-and-community-outreach/student-resources>
- <https://www.shu.ac.uk/about-us/schools-and-community-outreach/teacher-resources/applicant-support-sessions>
- Two videos from current students in engineering talking about their pathway to the degree and placements (these are particularly relevant for any female students) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rJfcDH1PA_k&t=188s , <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=063hIZ-6mSU&t=1s>
- Online learning opportunities using [The Skills Toolkit](#)

- Lots of resources to connect you to employers
<https://learnliveuk.com/careers/>

Sheffield Hallam University Virtual Open Days
(Undergraduate and Postgraduate)
<https://www.shu.ac.uk/visit-us>

University of Birmingham Links

- University of Birmingham Virtual Open Days
<https://www.birmingham.ac.uk/undergraduate/visit/opendays/booking-form/Book-your-place-at-Open-Day.aspx>
- University of Birmingham College of Engineering Open Days
<https://www.birmingham.ac.uk/undergraduate/visit/opendays/virtual-open-days-2020/vod-eps.aspx>

TAKE A LOOK AT

Are you:

Thinking about applying for university or Level 4 courses?

Check out Canvas and the Careers section for information on:

- Writing a Personal Statement
- Writing or updating your CV for HE courses
- or employment

Thinking about applying for apprenticeships?

Register on <https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>. See what's available using the drop-down menus to tailor your search

Looking for Graduate opportunities?

Check out the guidance on canvas and The Rail Delivery Group;
www.raildeliverygroup.com/about-us/careers/ways-into-rail/railway-eng-grad-scheme.

Thinking about employment in a workplace?

Take a look at Canvas, Careers and Employability where there is guidance and

support on different job roles /case studies, what careers exist in rail and engineering, what employers want from their employees, what employers and employees should expect, how to use social media and using the hidden jobs market to find that job!

It might also be that time for you all to think about **how to use your money** in the best way and how to budget, especially if you will be living on a student's budget or wage – take a look at our 'Money Matters' support in Canvas – Careers and Employability (2 parts).

DON'T FORGET TO CHECK RAIL COMPANY WEBSITES/VACANCIES OR DEDICATED PAGES

NCATI COLLEGE ALUMNI

Once you have left NCATI we invite you to become NCATI College Alumni.

We will take your details and send you information about NCATI events and invite you to attend these to support the College. You are under no obligation to attend but we would like to keep you informed. Who knows...we may contact you to come into College to Guest Lecture for our future learners!

If you would like to be College Alumni please contact the Careers Team or Learner Experience to leave your name and personal email and phone details.

If you would like to maintain your access to Canvas Careers and Employability for announcements, job opportunities and careers support, please contact Josh Fellingham – Boyce to attach your personal email to your Canvas account.
josh.fellingham-boyce@ncati.ac.uk

The Careers Newsletters are uploaded to the website, so you can still access these via;
[Careers programme - NCATI \(nchsr.ac.uk\)](http://Careers_programme_-_NCATI_(nchsr.ac.uk))

LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION (LMI)

Labour market information is always useful to give an insight about what is happening in the labour market – what industries and job roles have most vacancies, where there has been a downturn in employment etc. This can help you target your job search to more specific areas.

- Which jobs are likely to be easiest or hardest to find in your area.
- Which are the big employers in different areas and which ones have jobs on offer
- What skills employers are looking for and which are in short supply
- How much you can expect to be paid in specific jobs
- What working conditions are like
- What qualifications will be most helpful if you want a certain career
- What the jobs of the future might look like and which jobs might disappear

Mechanical Engineer

Starting Salary £22,106

UK Average Annual Pay £35,000

Hours/Week 40 hours

Hourly Pay £18

50.3% of the workforce is projected to retire, creating 3,500 job openings

Civil Engineer

Weekly Pay £790

Annual Pay £41,080

Hours/Week 38 hours

Hourly Pay £21

The workforce is projected to grow by 5.1% over the period to 2027, creating 4,400 jobs. In the same period, 39.9% of the workforce is projected to retire, creating 34,700 job openings

http://www.lmiforall.org.uk/explore_lmi/

QUOTE OF THE MONTH...

"Find out what you like doing best and get someone to pay you for doing it."

Katharine Whitehorn

AND ON THAT NOTE...

For some of you, this will be the first time that you read the Careers Newsletter at NCATI as you are beginning the next exciting stage of your life and career.

On behalf of all staff at NCATI we would like to welcome you to NCATI and thank you for your time and effort you will be displaying at college and through these unusual and challenging times.

We look forward to enjoying your company and seeing you develop your unique, amazing, varied characters!

The NCATI Staff Team.

