



JobShop guide to: Getting a holiday job!

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Jobs online 24/7

Working in the holidays

Getting a job in the holidays may mean you can work full time hours (if you are an International student you do need to check your visa restrictions) and therefore it might be wise to plan ahead – it could be a good move to earn more during the summer than working too much in term time.

The main web site for Staffordshire University students to find part time/vacation work is www.staffs.ac.uk/jobshop. You will need to register with your details (use a non university email address, so that you can still access the graduate jobs at a later stage).

Jobs from the jobshop database and suitable student jobs from local newspapers are displayed on job boards in the Careers Centres in Stafford and Stoke, and in folders in the Students Union advice centre.

The JobShop advertises part time (term time), vacation work, and summer projects/ internships. We make basic checks that these vacancies are suitable for students and advertise a range of jobs on and off campus. If you are interested in part time term time work, then pick up the JobShop guide to getting a part time job available in the Careers Centres

We recommend that you check this vacancy database regularly as part time work can come and go quickly. Remember to attend any Job Fairs we have, these are advertised on www.staffs.ac.uk/jobshop and on the “What’s on” at www.staffs.ac.uk/careers

One to one help for students with Kathy (Monday/Friday in Stafford, Tuesday/Thursday in Stoke), you can also email jobshop@staffs.ac.uk JobShop is based in the Careers Centre, which is in Beacon, Stafford, and in Cadman, Stoke.

Don't forget that all jobs give you skills and experience. Why not take one of our careers modules “Make your Work Count” where you can get accreditation for the part time work you do – come and ask us in the Careers Centres.

Where do students work in the Summer?

This depends of course on whether you live locally or are returning home somewhere else out of Staffordshire. If you wishing to get some work in the UK in your local home town, it is worth you checking out the opportunities advertised in the local University Jobshops, and a list of those who make these available to all students can be found on <http://www.nases.org.uk/content/index.php?page=23845>

Here are just a few ideas of how you could spend your summer:

- Summer placements/short project – can be subject specific, great way to boost the CV
- Working abroad – American Camps, Language Schools
- Sports and leisure type jobs – there are lots of these, some offer accommodation
- Seasonal jobs – such as fruit picking, ice cream selling, on a cruise ship perhaps?
- Festival and Promotional Work – such as Wimbledon, VFestival
- Local work – hotels and restaurants may take on extra staff, Trentham can be good

Increase your chances of getting a job

Remember - a well presented application will increase your chances of getting the job – make sure you take advantage of our CV sessions (check in the “What’s on” section at www.staffs.ac.uk/careers) – sample CVs in the Careers Centre are also available to help you.

Remember that by applying you are dealing directly with employers and as such responsible for contracts you enter into. If you have any doubt, please contact the JobShop for advice. Also, remember to dress appropriately for an interview. It is often not necessary to wear a suit for a warehouse or bar job, but it is important to look smart in order to give a good first impression.

The websites below are offered as a guide only, we are not endorsing these. Should you be unsure about the details of the jobs offered then come and check with us in the JobShop.

Some other websites for holiday work (check www.staffs.ac.uk/jobshop first)

www.seasonworkers.co.uk	What it says, seasonal work, anywhere
www.student-jobs.co.uk	Student jobs all over the UK
www.natives.co.uk	Lots of holiday jobs
www.justjobs4students.co.uk	As above
www.europa.eu.int/eures/home.jsp?lang=en	Jobs in Europe, lots of them
www.jobsite.co.uk	National site, (not just student jobs)
www.jobsnow.co.uk	As above
www.graduateadvantage.co.uk	Summer projects/placements in W Mids
www.shellstep.com	Short placements, UK wide
www.ratemyplacement.co.uk	Short and longer placements, UK wide
www.opportunities.co.uk	For people with disabilities
www.caterer.com	Jobs in catering
www.adventurework.com	As it says
www.holidaybreakjobs.com	Many with accommodation
www.summerjobs4students.com	As it says
www.pgl.co.uk	Jobs in Educational outdoor centres
www.campamerica.co.uk	Jobs on American Camps
www.bunac.org.uk	As above
www.ccusa.com	As above
www.usasummercamps.co.uk	As above

During the term, American Camp companies will usually present at the University – to make sure you don’t miss out on these sessions, check the What’s On section of www.staffs.ac.uk/careers - attending these will you decide if it’s right for you.

Please also pick up our other flyer on part time jobs (available in the Careers Centre)

We need your feedback!

We like to hear that our students get jobs and where they are working – come and tell us if you can. Part time jobs come and go quickly and we are always looking out for new opportunities. If you spot one before we do, just let us know and we’ll check it out. Also, if you have a bad experience, let us know as well – we might not know about it and we may decide not to advertise it in future.