

Postgraduate work placement

We offer an optional eighteen-month postgraduate programme with an integrated work placement component within the programme. This option is available for both international and full-time home/EU students.

How does it work?

The onus to find and secure the placement is on you, but you can make use of the University's career support services, Your Future Plan ([YFP](#)), to help you. The placement is undertaken after the taught portion of your programme. As the work placement is an assessed part of the course, if you are an international student, you will be issued a two-year visa to cover both the taught and the work placement components upon meeting the Home Office's requirements (including the 5-year time limit on Tier 4 study - see the [UKCISA website](#)).

How do I apply for this programme?

The course has two full-time course options: a one-year option and an eighteen-month 'with professional placement' option. You can apply for either of these options online via the [Apply now](#) button to the side of this page. If you have applied and been made an offer for the one-year course, you can request to change course to the eighteen-month 'with professional placement' option as explained below:

- If you are an international student, you can request to change course to the eighteen-month 'with professional placement' option before your Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS) is issued (the optional six-month placement will be included in the CAS). This CAS document is linked to the Tier 4 visa.
- If you choose not to switch to the eighteen-month course from the outset, you can still take up the option after you begin your study at Gloucestershire. The application for the visa extension can be made from in-country with effect from January 2018.
- However, please be aware that you may not be granted the visa extension.

If you decide not to pursue the placement option or do not manage to secure a placement by the deadline, you will be switched back to the one-year course to complete your degree in the 12 months (this will not affect your grade). If you are an international student, then UK Visa and Immigration will be alerted about the course change.

Is there a fee for the work placement period?

During the placement year, you will pay the placement fee of £700 for 2018/19 (£1150 for international students). Please note that you will not be charged this fee if you do not manage to secure a work placement and international students applying for a Tier 4 visa will need to pay the non-refundable immigration health surcharge up front for both years.

Programme structure

You will do the placement at the end of your taught course. Following your placement, you will be required to complete an end of placement assessment.

September 2018 – April 2019	Taught modules
May 2018 – June 2018	Revision, examinations and preparation for placement
July 2019 – December 2019	Work placement - maximum six months
April 2019 - March 2020	Dissertation/project
July 2019	Deadline for you to confirm placement - exact date in July will be confirmed to you
