Career Communities are part of a scheme set up by The Faculty of Mathematics and Physical Science for students who want to secure “employability” skills or work experience from e.g.:

♦ Industrial Placements
♦ Summer in UoL Research Lab
♦ Internships
♦ Study Abroad.
♦ Enterprise year

These Career Communities are structured social gatherings where Peer Mentors, who have these experiences, are present and willing to share their insight / experience with others.

You have the chance to get 1-1 advice, ask any questions related to career planning and work out your own direction.

If you are interested in joining The Career Communities Organisation as a Mentor or Mentee follow these steps below:

1) Contact your parent school stating who you are and which role you are interested in.

2) They will send you the sign-up form relating to your desired role. Fill it in and submit back to your parent school.

3) You will be sent an email welcoming you, including the date of the next session, what it is about and where it is held.

4) Mentors—You must complete mentor training (short online activity), plus agree to terms and conditions, before you attend your first Career Communities session.

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The Scheme is based around “Career Communities”, they could benefit you no matter which stage of career planning or applying for work experience you are at.

From not started and not knowing where to go, or if you are in mid-application and are completely stuck, or you have general questions and want to get feedback from people who have recently been in the same situation as you.

Our Mentors are willing to help the best way they can. Using University of Leeds resources and their own experience to give you an insight of what it is like to go for graduate level work experience and what they gained from it!

All to help you gain a competitive advantage!

What is the Mentor role?

Mentors would complete brief training to then help other students (Mentees) land the experiences they’ve had or something similar. A mentor would attend frequent Career Communities to support the Mentees by answering questions, sharing experiences, what they gained, and referring students to the relevant resources. Advice could be 1-1 or general depending on each student’s needs.

How does this benefit me?

- Develop transferable skills, such as leadership, organisation, teamwork and communication.
- Benefit with career planning - A very good position to ask questions of fellow Mentors or Career Centre.
- Networking
- Boost CV
- Sharing your experiences and wisdom with other students.
- Find out how to make the most of resources e.g. the VLE and Leeds for Life.
- Easily fits around studies.

Being part of this Scheme doesn't mean you have to spend all your time on it. It will easily fit around your studies!

What does being a Mentee Involve?

Mentors are your point of contact when attending the frequent Career Communities and employability related activities set up around The Faculty, asking questions, getting tips and advice, 1-1 or general. With the goal to actively start or continue your career planning and landing your ideal experience/job.

What can I gain from this?

- An easier more accessible way to get advice and guidance about those all-important experiences from a year in industry to a summer internship.
- Potentially help in securing that graduate job or post graduate course place that you want.
- Get to know what your university has to offer, making the most of the resources, to help you develop your graduate level skills and attributes.
- Gain vital career planning tips.
- Networking
- You could land your ideal experience!
- The chance to develop 1-1 relationships with Mentors and meet more students who have the same interests.
- Self-reflection - Understand who you are and what it is you need to do to get the job / further study / placement that you want.