DCU Access to the Workplace



Access to the Workplace 2022 - Student Timeline

*You must complete the mandatory Work Readiness Programme to be eligible for a summer internship.

Key dates	Action / event
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31 January 2022	Applications close
	Deadline for students to apply to participate in the programme.
w/c 31 January 2022	Confirmation of application
	Students will be notified via email as to whether they have been accepted onto the programme.
9 February 2022	Mandatory Work Readiness Programme: CV and cover letter workshop
	DCU Careers Service will facilitate a 45 minute CV and cover letter workshop for programme participants. Students must attend one session: - Wednesday 9 February 2022, 13:00 - 13:45, Zoom/on campus - Wednesday 9 February 2022, 16:00 - 16:45, Zoom/on campus
	Students should attend with a draft CV and cover letter. After the session, students must complete the 'CV and cover letter quiz' via the AttW Loop page.
13 March 2022	Upload CV and cover letter
	Deadline to upload a professional CV and cover letter to the AttW loop page.
16 March 2022	Mandatory Work Readiness Programme: Preparing for interview workshop
	DCU Careers Service will facilitate a 45 minute 'preparing for interview' workshop for programme participants. Students must attend one session: - Wednesday 16 March 2022, 13:00 - 13:45, Zoom/on campus - Wednesday 16 March 2022, 16:00 - 16:15, Zoom/on campus
	After the session, students must complete the 'Preparing for interview quiz' via the AttW Loop page.
14 March - 27 May 2022	Employer/student interview process will commence
	- Programme Coordinator matches student with an internship

	opportunity Potential role is shared with student Employer is informed of the student match and is introduced to student via email Employer invites student for an interview Employer will communicate the outcome of the interview with the student If successful, the employer will arrange for a contract of employment to be sent to student If unsuccessful, you will enter back into the 'student pool' and the Programme Coordinator will try to match you with another opportunity, however this is not always guaranteed
w/c 9 May 2022	Mandatory Work Readiness Programme: Preparing for your AttW summer internship - workplace etiquette
	Students must attend one session: - Tuesday 10 May, 10:00 - 15:30 (lunch provided) - Wednesday 11 May, 10:00 - 15:30 (lunch provided) 10:00: Registration 10:15 - 11:00: Introduction: Introduction from Programme Coordinator 11:00 - 12:00: Presentation 1: Professional Workplace Etiquette 12:00 - 13:00: Lunch 13:00 - 14:00: Presentation 2: Effective Communication and managing conflict 14:15 - 14:30: AttW 2021 student experience shared 14:30 - 15:00: Break
	15:00 - 15:30: Wrap up
	15:30 - onwards: Q&A *After the session, students must complete the 'Workplace etiquette quiz' via the AttW Loop page.*
15 May 2022	Mandatory Work Readiness Programme: all tasks on Loop to be completed
	 Agree to Student Charter, and CV sharing / GDPR statement CV and cover letter quiz Upload CV and cover letter Preparing for an interview quiz Workplace etiquette quiz LinkedIn quiz Provide link to LinkedIn profile Pre-internship evaluation *All students receive a Work Readiness Programme certificate.*

June - August 2022	Summer internships commence
	 Minimum 4 week and maximum 12 week internships. Internship will either be virtual, physical or a mix of both working from home and on the employers premises. The Programme Coordinator will be in contact with students during their internship. It is vital that you stay in contact with us and respond to any emails during your internship. Students will attend a final workshop once their internship has finished. The workshop will cover how to add your internship experience to your CV / LinkedIn and how to talk about your experience during an interview. *All students receive an AttW certificate upon completion of the programme.*
September 2022	Programme evaluation
	Programme participants will contribute to an external evaluation of the programme by Quality Matters, external evaluator.