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THE LINCOLN AWARD

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The Lincoln Award

Why?

- ▶ Enhance your employability through skills development
- ▶ Gain recognition for your achievements
- ▶ Participate in activities- meet new people, have fun!

Every year the number of graduates is increasing and the competition is getting tougher. Employers are looking for candidates who stand out from the crowd and who have developed their skills, abilities and ambitions – a degree is no longer enough to get you the job you want. There are many things you can do to help you stand out from the crowd, and in fact you're probably doing a lot of them already. The Lincoln Award is recognition of the activities you do over and above your studies, and is something that future employers will recognise as you doing that little bit extra.

As well as helping you develop these skills the Lincoln Award will give you the framework to showcase your achievements and the confidence to communicate your university experiences and successes to future employers.

What?

The Lincoln Award is an achievement award for undergraduate and taught postgraduate students at the University of Lincoln. The Award is designed to enhance the employability of University of Lincoln graduates by providing official recognition and evidence of employability related activities. These include; work experience, part-time employment, volunteering, attendance at workshops and presentations and many other extra-curricular activities and achievements.

The Lincoln Award merely provides a structure for your continuing professional development, with the certificate just a framework to be built upon. It should be viewed as a way of continuously building a skills portfolio; you will get out of it what you put in.

When?

The Lincoln Award is open to all students currently studying at the University of Lincoln. You can start the award at any point and must complete before graduation. It is highly advisable to start the award as soon as possible to ensure you secure a place at the compulsory sessions required before completing the award.

How?

In order to achieve the Lincoln Award you need to complete the compulsory and required number of optional units and record these using the evidence forms provided. Once you have completed these you will book yourself a Personal Careers Coaching Session where your award will be signed off.

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To register for the award and for full details please visit the Lincoln Award website;

lincolnsu.com/lincolnaward

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The Opportunities Service	Student Job Shop	ULSU Volunteering	Deviate	Participation & Leadership
40 HOURS... Relevant Career/Course related experience/ activities including Work Experience or Employer Mentoring	40 HOURS... Casual/Temporary/ Part time work	40 HOURS... Volunteering	SERIES OF 5 WORKSHOPS... Turning ideas into Self Employment	40 HOURS... Participation and Leadership (including course representation or officer for a club/society)

REQUIREMENT

Choose 1 of these areas

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Compulsory workshops- must ALL be completed

Value of Networking

OR

Creative Job Search

AND

Selling Yourself Effectively

AND

Surviving the Interview

REQUIREMENT

At least 2 activities must be completed- these can be selected from ANY area

*Attend an employer presentation

*Attend an Alumni event

*Complete an occupational study

*Employer mentoring Training

*Part time workshop... Self-Employment Opportunities

*Part time workshop... Speculative Applications

*Part time workshop... Application Forms

*Part time workshop... Employer Expectations

*Volunteering Induction Session

*Volunteer Centre Training Session

*Attend Volunteer Review

*Attend a Deviate Event

*Attend "Develop Your Venture in 8 Steps (DV8)

*Extra Curricular media/art design project

*Complete a language short course

*First Aid Course

*Committee Training

*Any accredited sports coaching course e.g. YMCA Qualification

REQUIREMENT

Compulsory

Personal Careers Coaching Session

AND

Interview Experience (with real-life employers)

Student Job Shop

The Student Job Shop is the place to go if you are looking for any type of employment whilst studying.

With the Opportunities team from *Enterprise@Lincoln* we can help you to make the most of all your employment experience, without compromising your studies. Our aim is to ensure you develop and maximise your employability skills to place you in the best possible position to secure your chosen career on graduation.

If you would like help compiling a CV, completing an application form or preparing for an interview then we are here to help.

So if you are looking for a quick cash fix or the chance to develop employment skills relevant to your study then pay us a visit.

The Student Job Shop is based in the SOAP Centre.

Current vacancies and information can be found on our website;

www.lincolnsu.com/jobshop

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When?

- ▶ 24/7 online vacancies and advice
- ▶ Drop-in: Monday-Friday, see website for current drop in times
- ▶ Book an appointment

Who?

- ▶ Jess Anderton
jobshop@lincolnsu.com
01522 837641



The Opportunities Service

The Opportunities Service is the university's bespoke careers service. We have a team of professionally qualified careers advisers who can support you throughout your studies and beyond. Whether it is CV/ Application writing, interview preparation, or more generally helping you to make a career decision and identify your key skills, let us help you find the right path for you.

Current vacancies and information can be found on our website;

www.uloportunities.co.uk

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Who?

- ▶ Lesley O'Donnell
opportunities@lincoln.ac.uk
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Deviat

Deviat is the Entrepreneurship Society which is the place to learn about business even if you're not quite ready to set one up just yet.

Based in Enterprise@Lincoln the society runs hands-on workshops led by experts providing all the knowledge you need to boost your business acumen.

Visit our website at www.deviatlincoln.co.uk to keep up to date with the latest news and events or become a fan of Deviate Lincoln on Facebook.

Who?

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ULSU Volunteering

There are many reasons why you might be interested in volunteering, and even more ways that you can get involved.

Whether you are interested in, and care about your local community, feel passionately about a cause, or want to volunteer with a well established charity or community organisation we can make this happen for you.

Alternatively you may want to volunteer within the Students' Union – maybe as a committee member for a sports club or society, or as an SU Helper, or maybe even as an SU Officer. Again come and see us so that we can get you started.

Volunteering in any way is a rewarding and valuable experience, both personally and professionally. In a time when getting a job is increasingly difficult, volunteering provides you with the opportunity to develop, learn new skills and make sure you stand out from the crowd. Oh, and volunteering is a lot of fun too!

Current opportunities and information can be found on our website;

www.lincolnsu.com/volunteer

When?

- ▶ 24/7 online opportunities and information
- ▶ Drop-in: Monday-Friday, see website for current drop in times

Who?

- ▶ Jane Kilby
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UL STUDENTS' UNION
volunteering
www.lincolnsu.com/volunteer

Sports and Societies

The aim of Sports and Societies is to bring together students with common interests and facilitate them in pursuing a hobby or activity they are interested in.

With currently over 2000 students involved with a Sports or Societies there is usually something for everyone to get involved in.

For the latest information about Sports and Societies, or if you want to find out how to set up a new team or Society, visit the pages on the Virtual Union at;

www.lincolnsu.com/sportsandsocieties

or drop in to our office in SOAP, at the Student Centre.

You can join a Sports Team and/or Society at the Sports and Societies Fayre, at Reception in SOAP, Student Centre.

From October 2010, you'll also be able to signup and join a Sport or Society online through the Virtual Union at www.lincolnsu.com



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“Relevant experience is highly valued by employers. Any experience is better than none and candidates must be able to reflect on their learning from both their studies and work experience”

Carl Gilleard, Executive Director, Association of Graduate Recruiters

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“In the main we are looking for evidence of your passion and knowledge”

BBC North Developing Talent Team



“Get experiences - as many as you can..... When you are in the interview they think “wow” you’ve done that”

Samantha Butterworth, Head of Operations Nottingham Prison

“In 2nd year, money was tight, I got a job as a Bail Hostel Warden which brought me into contact with substance misusers. I was also able to access training provided by the Probation Service. This undoubtedly was invaluable in gaining my first position with Addaction”

Velda Hudson, HR Learning and Development Manager, Addaction