

## MSc Business and Management Programme (with work placement)

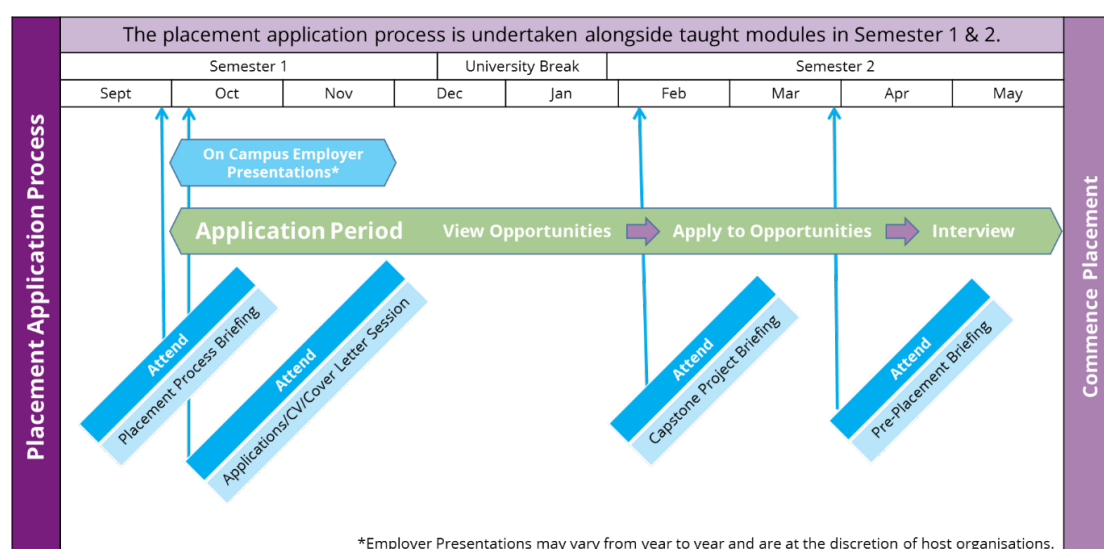
### Key Information

#### How will this work?

You have the opportunity to study on the 2 year MSc (with work placement) and will follow the same teaching programme as students on the traditional full-time on campus one-year route. During this teaching programme, those planning to undertake a work placement will receive guidance and support from the University's Employability and Professional Enrichment Team. This guidance is designed to support you through the recruitment and selection stages for the placements on offer and will prepare you to capitalise on your workplace experience.

You will have the opportunity to apply for the placement jobs that are advertised through the Employability and Professional Enrichment Hub and will be expected to start your placement on completion of the 9-month teaching programme (mid-May). If you are successful in securing a placement you will start your employment no later than September and will complete your placement by the following June prior to graduation in July.

Placements will be paid with typical placement salary being approximately between £14,000 to £16,000.

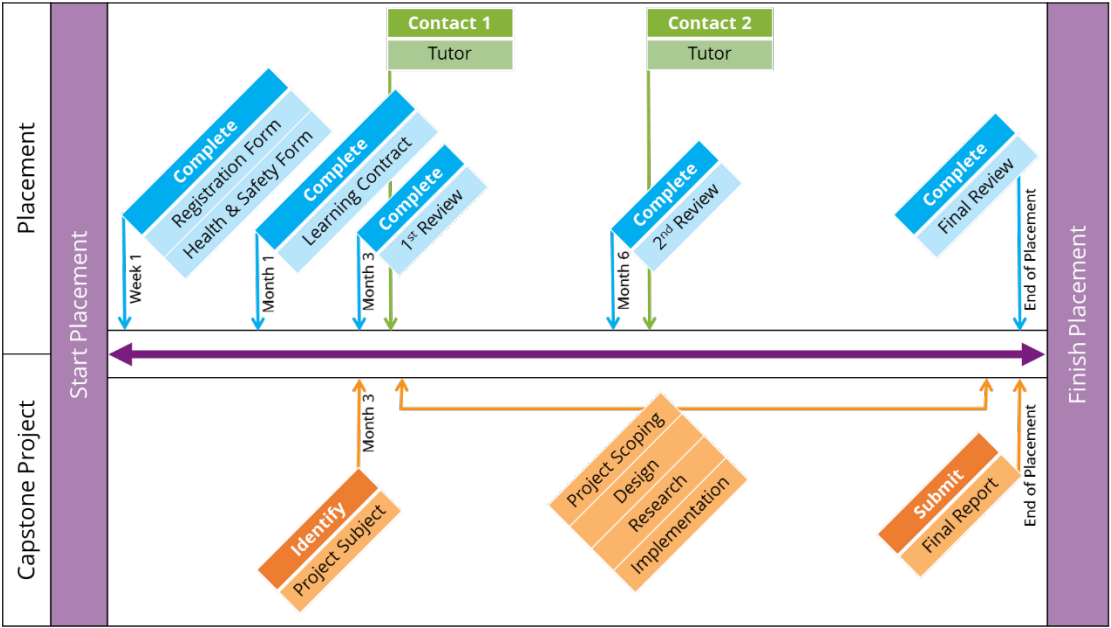


During the placement you will undertake the Capstone module alongside your work experience. The employing organisation is likely to be a source of rich data for the Capstone module and you will be encouraged to research an

organisational issue of your choosing – likely identified through discussion with the placement employer. You will also complete a reflective e-portfolio which captures the skills development through the placement period.

Throughout the placement you will be assigned both a workplace mentor and an academic tutor and will receive ongoing support to enhance your career development.

The table below gives an outline of what you may expect from the start of your placement.



### Why is this route attractive?

Evidence suggests that graduates who can demonstrate relevant work experience have a better chance of securing a graduate level job. Building on your academic knowledge you will develop excellent transferable skills, often display more confidence, have the opportunity to develop your business networks and have access to future referees. The placement experience is also an excellent testing ground for future career choices.

### What is the requirement for work placement?

You must successfully complete at least 105 credits of the 120 credits before commencing placement. You may be allowed to carry no more than one 15 credit module into the placement year. It is of course preferable for you to have passed everything before commencing placement.

### **How many work placement places are available for this course?**

These placements are live roles within companies and as such are dependent upon organisations with suitable vacancies. However the University works closely to source opportunities as well as highlighting nationwide sources, and you are encouraged to apply to both types to give you the strongest chance of securing a placement. Often these opportunities are roles that are rolling placements where the company will fill the role on an annual basis.

### **What kind of companies offer these work placements?**

RGU is delighted to be working with a wide variety of organisations and sectors including oil & gas; public; private; technology and manufacturing sectors. Example roles include: Business Analyst; Contracts Administrator; Trainee Shipbroker; Marketing Assistant; HR Administrator; External Relations Assistant; Operations Accountant; Business Support Admin; Logistics Intern.

### **What if I do not secure a placement?**

Employers select students on a competitive basis – a process over which the University exerts no influence. If you have been unable to secure a placement, you will transfer onto the traditional Capstone route and, after the taught programme, will continue onto the Capstone module in mid-May with a view to completing your course in September. In the event of you being unsuccessful in securing a placement, the additional course fee attached to the work experience element of the course will be refunded.

**The University cannot guarantee that all students will be successful in securing a placement.**

### **What is the tuition fee for the work placement element?**

The tuition fee for the work placement element is £5,500. This is payable in Year 2 of the course. This fee is for the ongoing assessment and support provided to students by the University both in the run up to and during the work placement.

### **Can I change my study option from the 1 year MSc to 2 year MSc (with work placement) after enrolment?**

No, you are encouraged to indicate the course of study at point of application. You will need to be on the 2 year route from the start to engage in the placement process from Semester 1.

### **I need a Tier 4 student visa to study in the UK.**

If you need a visa to study in the UK then our Admissions and Immigration team will help you with the process. When applying for the MSc with Placement route your time on campus is longer than the traditional route. When you are issued with your Confirmation of Acceptance of Studies (CAS) number and CAS statement, it will clearly define the start and end date which will be a period of 24 months. This means your Tier 4 visa will cover the duration of study time with us, both when on campus and attending lectures and also the period when you are on placement and completing the Semester 3 final module – the Capstone Module.

### **What happens to my visa if I apply for the MSc with Placement but need to revert to the traditional route of 12 months on campus instead?**

If there is a change to your study plan, our on campus Student Immigration Team would liaise with the academic department and contact the United Kingdom Visas and Immigration (UKVI) on your behalf. They would provide the new end date of your studies and advise that you are completing your studies early. This reduces your visa to a 12 month study visa. This is very straightforward and should not cause any concern.