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UKCISA Student Fringe:

UK study experience to career success: what do you need to do?

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Today

- What are your **goals** for after your graduate?
- What to do at each stage of your **time** in the UK
 - Standing out to employers
 - Finding both advertised and “hidden” jobs
- Making best use of your **Careers Service**

Who's here?

In chat:

- Tell us your study level
- Where are you from?
- Graduate job in UK, or home/third country?

Goals: what's your unique value?

Intercultural awareness

Language skills

Professional skills



Knowledge of home market

Specialist knowledge and research interests

Goals: who needs you?

- Who could benefit from your knowledge of two markets?
- Who could benefit from your language skills?
- What sectors relate to knowledge and skills you've gained through your degree or extra-curricular activity?
- What shortage occupations are of interest?
- What skills gaps can you fill? e.g. digital

[Recruiting International Graduates: A Guide for Employers](#)



First year	Middle years	Final year/PGT
Societies	Internship or other career-related work experience	Clarify your goals and targeting
University roles	Employability Award	Schedule recruitment deadlines
Make friends from around the world	Employer events	*Educate yourself on visas
Employer events	Alumni networking - LinkedIn	Apply for: jobs, study, Graduate route (when have degree result) or Start-up visa

Graduate schemes 2021 deadlines
Some recruitment outside main season
Graduate **jobs** sponsored / available year round

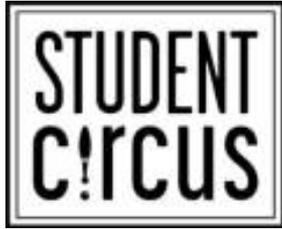
When to apply for jobs in UK

Online applications
Online tests and video interviews



Interviews and assessment centres

Where to find jobs in UK & around the world



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[Check job profiles for sector specific sites](#)

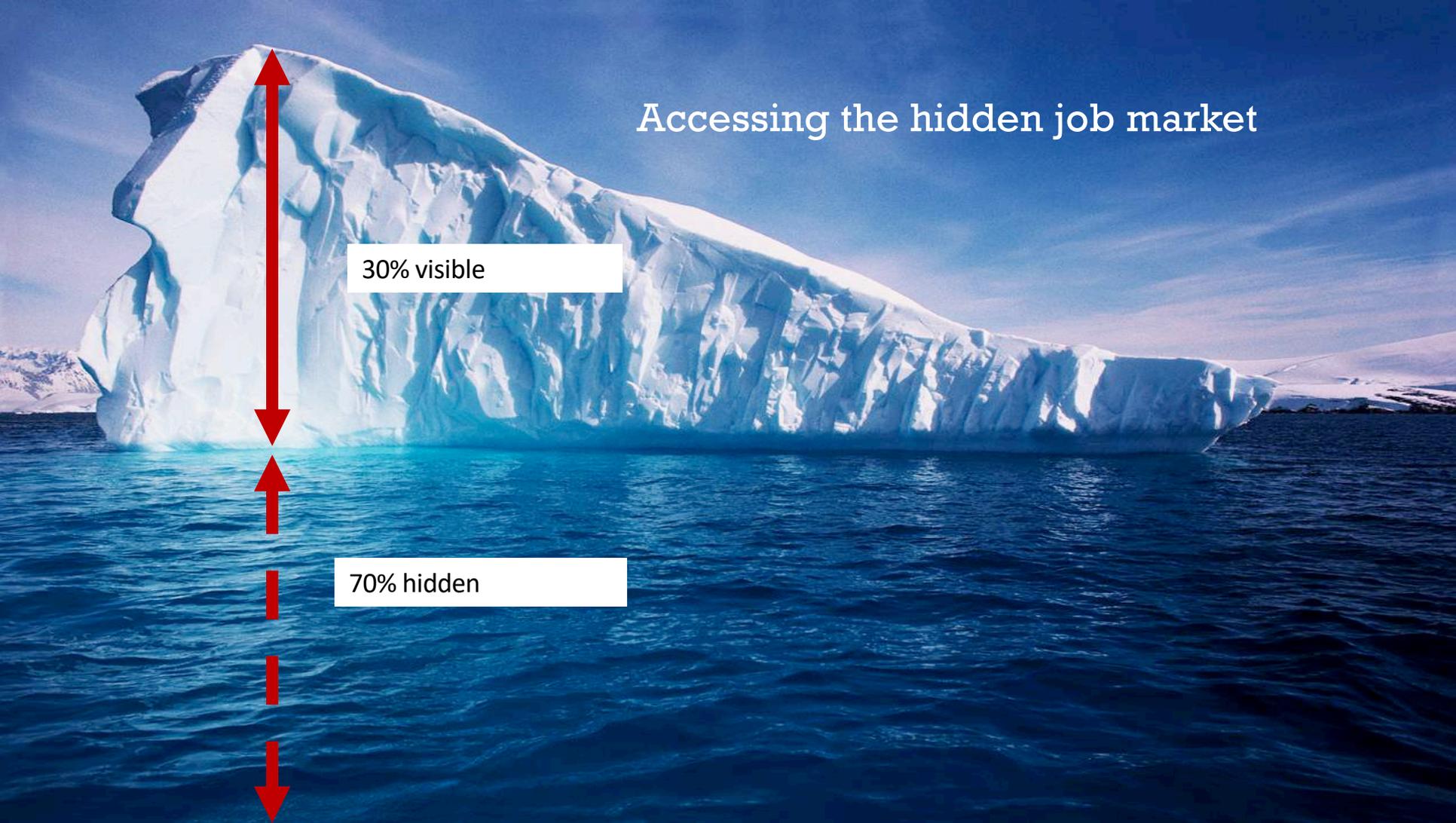


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Accessing the hidden job market



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30% visible

70% hidden

Finding unadvertised jobs

1. **Identify your value:** What can you offer the employer? (skills, knowledge, experience)
2. **Create target criteria:** based on selling points, interests and goals
3. **Identify organisations**
4. **Research** those organisations
5. **Make contact:** CV, covering letter to named person – and follow it up

Identifying your target organisations

- Membership organisations bridging the UK and your home country

Search “*Your country* UK business membership”



- Use the [LinkedIn find alumni tool](#) and/or your university’s alumni platform

Ask for advice on their industry and routes in



Using your Careers Service

- Online resources
 - Use any software providing feedback on your CV or interview answers
- Live group sessions
- Employer-led sessions
- One-to-one support
 - Guidance appointments
 - Interview practise appointments
 - CV, cover letter and application reviews

Ask about

- work opportunities that are part of your course
- internship or mentoring schemes

Remember: many Careers Service can help you after you graduate, wherever you are in the world

Questions?