

Project SEARCH 2018 - 2019



From Staff

Welcome to year 5 of Project SEARCH at the University of Strathclyde (2018 – 2019).

All the interns have settled in to their rotation 1 placements with relative ease. We will be out and about checking up on their progress and planning reviews for weeks before and after the October break

We would just like to thank all the departments and buddies who volunteered to take an intern; without your help Project SEARCH would not be possible.

We continue to build on our links with Caledonian University who have taken two interns this rotation – one in the ARC (recreation centre) again and a new one in the grounds team. This is only possible due to the close proximity to Strathclyde and also due to the team at Caledonian.

Thanks to everybody who is on board with the Project.

At this stage we would like to thank everybody who was involved in the induction period. We had many staff come and welcome the students and provide training and tours. Thanks especially to the following people:-

Robert Kilpatrick assistant director (estates dev & ops) at the University of Strathclyde

Patricia Beattie Curriculum Head, Community and Supported Education, City of Glasgow College

Lynsey Stewart autism improvement officer from Autism Network Scotland

Steph McKendry widening access manager at the University of Strathclyde

Paul McGowan health, safety & compliance manager at the University of Strathclyde

Jim Macdonald security services (for tour of Campus)

EEE - Electronic & Electrical Engineering department for facilitating a visit to their department

DMEM - Design, Manufacture and Engineering Management for facilitating a visit to their department

Angie Black Service Manager, Supported Employment Service, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership

Shona McIntosh HR adviser from the University of Strathclyde

Cathy Hannah access control co-ordinator at the University (for organising ID badges)

Gordon MacKenzie head of security services at University of Strathclyde

Colin Flynn wellbeing manager at the University of Strathclyde

Library Staff for facilitating tour of Andersonian Library on campus

I hope we haven't forgotten anyone!

As you can see there are many people involved with the Project but we would like even more people to become involved. If you have any questions or would like to know more, please contact Siobhan or Helen (contact details at end of newsletter).

We are always looking for new departments to get on board.

Remember we offer training to buddies and the wider team and we are based on-site so are here if you have any questions.

Rotation 1 Internships 2018 – 2019

| Interns | Intern Role | Department | Location |
|------------------|------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Morgan Steel | Events hospitality assistant | Estates | TIC Hospitality |
| Pervinder Reehal | Workshop assistant | EEE | Royal College |
| Stuart Harper | Electricians' assistant | Mechanical Services | 181 St James Road |
| Fraser McCourt | Mail Warden | Security Services | John Anderson Building |
| Anthony McGinley | Lab assistant | DMEM | Royal College |
| Joshua Armstrong | Admin assistant | Procurement | L6 GHB |
| Martin Byrnes | Admin Assistant | Education Support Team | Lord Hope Building level 5 |
| Scott Haynes | Handy person | Residences | Thomas Campbell |
| Jordan McWhirter | Joiners' assistant | Trades (Joiners) | 181 St James Road |
| Jamie Cairney | Sports Centre assistant | Sports | GCU – Glasgow Caledonian University |
| Jordan Fraser | Grounds assistant | Grounds | GCU – Glasgow Caledonian University |

Meet our interns on the following pages:- 😊

2018 – 2019 Interns at University of Strathclyde Project SEARCH

Joshua Armstrong



I am an easy-going but hardworking guy plus a good team worker. I like to help when possible and I am a good listener to those who have a problem with their work or everyday life.

I like to play video games, read manga, watch anime, look up information about technology, and hang out with friends when possible.

As part of a previous course I worked in Yoker Community Centre doing research and assisted the lecturer who was teaching local residents basic skills.

I am on Project SEARCH because I want to gain new skills and independence to start earning my own money.

For my first rotation I am going to the Procurement Department to do an administration assistant role. I hope to learn about being able to work in a busy environment and about how finance works in a large organisation.

Martin Byrnes



I'm doing Project SEARCH at the University of Strathclyde.

I like football, playing video games & socialising with friends

I worked at WH Smith for a week back in 2015 and it gave me a dose of reality when working in retail and I'll be honest I didn't really enjoy it.

I wanted to do Project SEARCH because I want to get a job and go to a job with a bit more work experience behind my back.

My first work placement is doing Admin assistant at the education department in the Lord Hope building.

I've enjoyed it so far as I want to do business admin in the future. I'm hoping this experience will be relevant to me in the future and I'm actually quite confident it will be.

Hi I'm **Scott Haynes**



– I am 20years old.

I like travelling to places on my own and I like going on holidays to different places too. I like cycling on my bike and going fishing on my boat on Loch Awe.

I have done work experience in the past in B&M, Haven Clydebank and Donald Dewar Leisure Centre, Drumchapel. I also done volunteering in Fare Share with helping out delivering food to charities. I hold a full driving licence and have achieved my Duke of Edinburgh bronze award.

I'm doing Project SEARCH to help me get into a good job.

My first placement is with the residences handymen. I am looking forward to this job because it's something new.

Hi my name is **Jamie Cairney**



My interests are languages, history and gaming. I am currently studying Russian and Russian history. I also like to watch documentaries on Chinese, Russian, Japanese and Persian history.

Unfortunately I don't have any work experience but I am currently working at the ARC sports centre at Caledonia University on a placement.

I am on Project Search to pick up skills to help me find employment

JORDAN FRASER



I am 18 years old and live near Springboig. I live at home with my mum, dad and two younger brothers. My sister has her own place.

I like gardening, making things out of wood and going out and about with my pals.

I have volunteered at Tollcross Park where I cut back the roses, kept paths clean and tidy, cut the grass and trimmed some hedges.

I applied to Project SEARCH to learn new skills and hopefully get a job.

My first placement is as a grounds assistant. I am really looking forward to this.

I am **Stuart Harper**



I have lived in Glasgow my entire life.

I enjoy playing video games with my friends. I also spend quite a lot of time horse-riding, playing board games and reading books

I have helped at charity shops in Kirkintilloch and also worked in Kelvingrove Art Gallery.

Why am I on project SEARCH? I need some experience and help with CV to get a job. That is my main goal - to get a job.

My first placement is working with the electricians in the estates team.

Hi my name is **Fraser McCourt.**



My hobbies are gaming, photography and I like looking at cool cars.

My past work experience was working in a pet shop. I am at project search because I would like to get a job after this course

My first placement is as a mail warden with the security team.

My name is **Jordan McWhirter.**



My hobbies include boxing, Xbox (especially Fifa) and playing and watching football. I also like travelling for holidays – I have been to America (Orlando) and Spain (Salou, Barcelona)

I have done a catering course and also volunteered at the Glenburn Centre helping people with disabilities.

The reason why I'm in the Course is because I would like to get a job out of it and also to get me into a routine of being in a work.

My name is **Morgan Steel**.



I am 18 years old with Autism. I'm friendly, reliable, family oriented, hardworking, good sense humour.

In my spare time I like playing football and video games such as; Fifa, Call of Duty, WWE, Fortnite and NBA Basketball. I love socializing with my family and friends.

I was working at Celtic Park within an agency called Centreplate and I loved it. I had many duties such as; cleaning, wrapping up food, cash handling, etc.

I am doing Project SEARCH as I want to hopefully gain a full time job and gain more experiences and new skills.

I am working at the TIC Building in the Hospitality and Events team and so far I have been serving teas and coffees to conferences and sometimes I have been doing lunches and buffets.

My name is **Pervinder Reehal**



I'm 24 years old

I have numerous hobbies, however what I mainly prefer to do is reading books, watching films/TV shows, socialising with friends and listening to music. I attempt to sometimes keep myself fit and healthy through exercise as well as swimming.

I've done a couple of work experience placements at WHSmith and Marks & Spencer's as a retail assistant. I've done a work placement at the Menzies Hotel as a cleaner and I've completed a work placement at St Louis Café bar as a kitchen staff assistant.

The reasons why I've considered being an intern on Project Search is because I'm curious to discover what different work placements are available that are different from the typical work placements that someone is likely to receive, to learn a range of new skillsets and to further progress self-confidence.

My first placement is in the Electronic and Electrical Engineering (EEE) department which I am looking forward to.

My name is **Anthony McGinley**



I am a student on Project SEARCH.

I have a variety of different hobbies from hill-walking to going to the football during the weekends.

My previous employment consisted of working in a restaurant. Initially I had paid employment in this restaurant however this unfortunately ended after approximately five months.

The main reason I joined Project SEARCH was to find regular full-time employment that I could stick with.

My first rotation is in DMEM (Design, Manufacture and Engineering Management). My first few days have involved working around the department, looking at how certain machines operate, looking at how drawings can be put together and what certain peoples' roles are in the department in more in-depth detail.

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