

WIT careerscentre

don't let your career be a puzzle

24th September 2011

Where is The Careers Centre?
The Careers' Advisors Office is situated on the immediate left, just inside the front entrance of the Cork Road Campus.

Have you ever thought about the following...

What are you passionate about?
What can you be the best at?
Where can you add value?



Dear Colleagues,

Welcome back and I hope you had a lovely summer break. We at the Careers Centre wish you the very best in the coming year and we look forward to working with you in the months ahead. This newsletter is meant as a general guide to the services that we provide during the academic year. If you have any thoughts on how the Careers Centre Team can work more effectively with you and your students please feel free to give us a call.

Best wishes,
Angela Collins

IMPORTANT CAREERS EVENTS & DATES 2011- 2012

WIT's Careers Boot Camp – Get Your Career in Shape

Mon. Sept. 26th	11.15 –12.15	Kick Start Your Career with the Careers Centre	Auditorium
Mon. Sept. 26th	12.15 to 1.15	Present Yourself in the best possible way Interview & CV Advice	Auditorium
Tues. Sept. 27th	10.00 to 2.00	Accountancy Day Company Stands and Presentations	Atrium
Wed. Sept. 28th	10.00 to 2.00	Teaching Day College Stands and Presentations	Atrium
Thurs. Sept 29th	11.15 to 12.15	What Happens at Assessment Centres	Auditorium
Thurs. Sept.29th	12.15 to 1.15	Creative Job Search	Auditorium

Careers Fair: 12th October : Main Hall RDS, Dublin

Closing Date : Big Four Accountancy Companies: 20th October 2011 (PWC, KPMG, Deloitte, Ernst & Young).
Closing Date : Teaching in Ireland: 1st December 2011. Teaching in the UK Applications starts Sept 1st.

Postgraduate Fair: 15th February 2012 Main Hall, RDS, Dublin.

Summer Careers Fair: 20th June 2011 Serpentine Hall, RDS, Dublin.

Contact us



www.wit.ie/careerscentre and Moodle



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Create your own career path



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Get your Career Kick-started

Go to the next Level

Focus your attention on your future goals

Contact the Careers Centre



How The Careers Centre Can Assist Academics

The Careers Centre supports teaching and learning in a variety of ways such as:

- Supporting schools/departments in the delivery of employability skills; this may be achieved through advice and guidance on the provision of specific skills and competency related training for students.
- Providing information on current market trends and the graduate labour market.
- Assisting schools/departments to set up regular, effective liaison with the Careers Centre.
- Designing and developing discipline related career programmes - if you feel your class group would benefit from guidance in certain areas, we may be able to organise a seminar/presentation to meet this need.
- Surveying our recent graduates about what they do after graduation and publishing the findings. This information is available from the Careers Centre.
- Encouraging employers to get involved in our courses that have a work placement element.
- Obtaining sponsorship for student awards.
- Helping to foster research links with employers.

EVENTS RUN BY THE CAREERS SERVICE

Students need to be aware how the skills and attributes they are developing at WIT and elsewhere can be applied to the career opportunities available and how and when to make effective applications in a competitive jobs market.

To help with this the Careers Advisor is available to provide advice on jobs and job hunting, information on employment and study opportunities and we also run career talks throughout the year. Please keep an eye on the Events Section of our website. The Careers Centre also sends out an email each week keeping you posted on what is going on for the week.

Workshops for Students & Graduates

The Careers Centre has developed a range of presentations and workshops on careers and associated issues.

If you would like to arrange one of these talks for your class please contact Angela at acollins@wit.ie or careers@wit.ie to organise a suitable time.

We also run these workshops throughout the year on the Cork Road Campus and in the Chapel in College St.

The Careers Centre can help students determine a career path – reduce confusion / uncertainty.



Students Urged to be Positive about Achieving Potential

For students and soon to be graduates looking to launch their first careers the future can appear quite gloomy. Perhaps because of this poor jobs market an increasing number of college students are turning to their campus careers service for support and guidance on managing their careers in a dramatically changing job market.

In response and to support students during this downturn, the Careers Centre has put together a number of presentations and handbooks to help them along this challenging road. The following is an example 'Focus for success in challenging times — the career navigation guide for students'. Our aim is to provide students with a toolkit of realistic, personal, career and life coping skills and strategies to empower them to take more ownership and control of their careers in the coming years.

Whilst the jobs market is certainly contracting, it hasn't disappeared altogether so it's important for students not to panic and give up hope. People are still being hired and graduates are finding jobs. It's just more difficult than it used to be. What is vital is that students put time and effort into career planning at this stage to maximise their chances of success.

If students are willing to make the effort to use available career resources, polish their job hunting skills, find work experience and internships and take other smart steps towards employment, they may just make the most of the recession and enter the work world with a solid advantage. The Careers Centre is here to help you and your students. Please feel free to contact us if we can help in any way.

Careers Centre Website

The Careers Centre Website provides information on the full range of support services and resources provided. Included is a calendar of careers events, monthly careers newsletters, a virtual careers library plus access to other career planning resources.

www.wit.ie/careerscentre

GradIreland Website

The Career Centre would also encourage students to register on the following site:

www.gradireland.com

Did you know.....

gradireland in April shows that there were 20 per cent more jobs on the site compared to the same period in 2010, with an average of 178 graduate opportunities online every day. The IT and telecoms sector continues to show strong and sustained demand. 40 per cent of the jobs were in the top three sectors – IT and telecoms; engineering; and accountancy and financial management.

According to IBEC, there are 960 Foreign Companies based in Ireland including

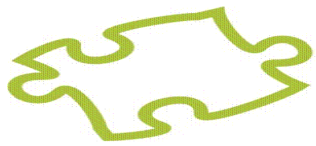
- 8 of the Top 10 Pharmaceutical Companies
- 15 of the Top 25 Medical Devices Companies
- 8 of the Top 10 Technology Companies

75 % of tech companies in Ireland currently have vacancies.

Source: May 2011 Smart Futures' seminar in Engineers Ireland May 2011.

55 % of these companies have over 20 vacancies.

Source: May 2011 Smart Futures' seminar in Engineers Ireland.



Register for the
Graduate Careers Fairs
www.thegraduatecareersfair.ie



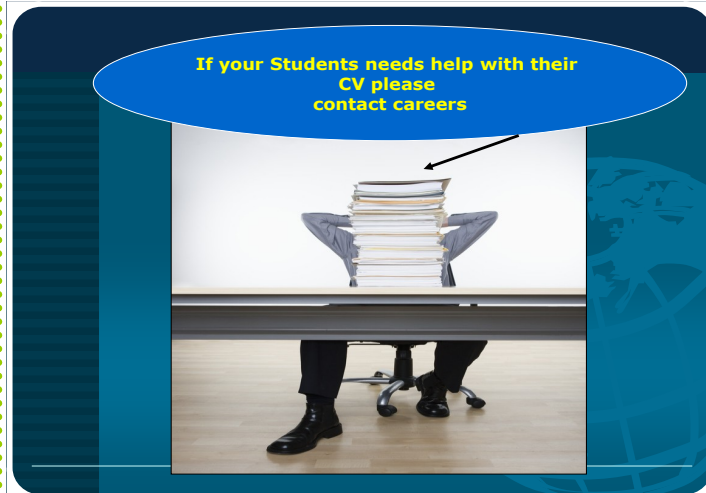
What's it all about?

A Careers Fair (or Recruitment Fair) provides students with a unique opportunity to meet with a number of employers who plan to recruit graduates in the year 2009. Some of these employers will also have immediate vacancies to fill. Representatives of these companies will describe their organisation and typical vacancies with a view to encouraging students to apply when vacancies arise. With more than 100 organisations participating in the Fair. This will include large and small companies, local, national and international companies, across all disciplines. What they have in common is an interest in meeting students who may be potential employees in the year 2011.

The Careers Centre will assist students with transport to and from both of these careers events. Places can be booked by sending your contact details to careers@wit.ie.

W.I.T. Graduate Careers Fair
Wednesday 12th October
11 a.m. to 3.00 p.m.
Main Hall, RDS, Dublin

Average Salaries The median graduate salary for Ireland projected for 2011 is unchanged from last year €24,000 to €25,000.

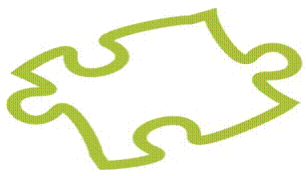


Career Development Workshop

Aim: The aim of the Career Development workshop is to give students the necessary skills to enable them to begin the process of taking control of their career development. In the last academic year the Careers Centre organised a workshop for final year degree /masters students from Construction Studies, Civil Engineering, Hospitality, Electronics, Manufacturing and Mechanical Engineering, Criminal Justice, Social Care Business, Science and Agricultural Science, Arts, Music Multi media, Masters in Innovative Technologies, Sustainable Energy and the MA in Arts and Heritage. If you are interested in running the above for any of your classes please email me at acollins@wit.ie and I can organise it.

***"To be employed is to be at risk,
to be employable is to be secure"***
(Hawkins 1999)





Careers Centre Statistics 2010/11

- 958 students attended work shops & presentations organised by the Careers Centre.
- 676 individual careers guidance interviews took place.
- The Careers Centre advertised approximately 3000 vacancies on-line including graduate training programme, work-placement and internships (paid and unpaid).
- 52 companies /organisations gave on-campus presentations.
- 425 WIT students attended the Careers Fair in the RDS.

Referring a student to the Careers Centre

Before directing students towards an appropriate referral option it is important to understand the ways the Career Centre can assist your students. The Career Centre can help a student in all stages of the career planning and decision-making process. Academic advisers, on the other hand, tend to focus on helping the students choose specific courses and meet academic requirements.

You could consider referring students who:

- Are looking for graduate employment.
- Are considering further study options.
- Require information on funding for further study.
- Would like information on the career paths associated with a particular subject.
- Are experiencing difficulty with career issues, causing them to consider leaving or changing their course.
- Are unsure of their goals or future.
- Needs assistance with a job application or interview.

You can refer students towards:

Quick Query / Drop in/ CV / Interview advise

Every Monday from 2:00 to 4:00.

Pre book a 10 minute slot by phone (051 302038) by email at careers@wit.ie or in person at the Career Centre from 9am on the day of.

One to One Appointments

Every Wednesday 10 am to 4.00pm (20 min slot) Cork Rd Campus
Every Friday 9.30 to 12.30 by appointment only College St.

The **Careers Information Library** which is available throughout the year for students or staff requiring career information (such as the career options relevant to choice of subjects, databases on postgraduate study or searching for work) is situated in the main library in the Cork Rd Campus.

Website Visit www.wit.ie/careerscentre for career information, job vacancies and postgraduate funding opportunities.

Moodle Careers Centre.

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The Class of 2010 - Where did they go?

The main finding of the survey are as follows:

54.1% are pursuing further study.

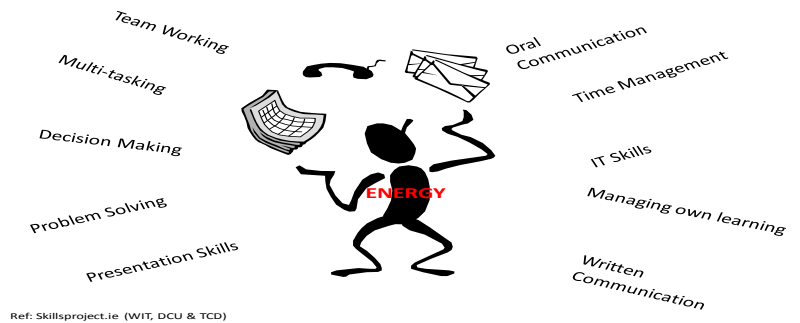
36.6% are employed.

7.2% are seeking employment.

1.7% are unavailable for work.

0.5% are volunteering.

Most Wanted List...



10 ways not to impress an employer

- Poor spelling grammar in application (77%)
- Obvious exaggerations (34%)
- Poorly presented application (31%)
- No relevant work experience (19%)
- Non-targeted CV/Covering Letter (19%)
- No covering letter with CV (14%)
- Hand written application/CV (11%)
- No interests or extra curricular activities (10%)
- Incorrect contact details for employer (10%)
- Statements in CV not supported by examples (8%)

