



### **Bolton Award**

The Bolton Award is an employability and enterprise programme, which has been designed to boost the career prospects of undergraduate and postgraduate students at the University of Bolton. It is a Certificate of Achievement awarded by the University of Bolton that recognises students' extra-curricular involvement whilst at university.

The Bolton Award provides students with the opportunity to develop and effectively articulate their skills so that when they enter the world of work, they are well equipped for that graduate level job. We find that nowadays employers are looking for more from graduates than the qualifications gained at university. They want individuals who have transferrable skills, soft skills and who stand out from the crowd, so the Award is a great way for students to demonstrate to employers that they can push themselves to go above and beyond the requirements of their course.

To achieve the Bolton Award, students are required to complete a minimum of 35 hours of employability activity. This includes 15 hours of Employability Experience, such as volunteering, paid work or student roles; attendance at 5 one-hour Skills Workshops delivered by the Careers Service; and 15 hours of Enrichment activities that reflect student's interests and hobbies. As part of the Bolton Award, students also benefit from one to one appointments with Careers Advisers to help explore their career goals; they develop a professional CV; write a reflective piece of work; and gain valuable interview practice. Students who successfully achieve the Bolton Award are presented with their certificates at an annual Celebratory Event.

Those who have completed the Award have gone on to gain paid employment through voluntary roles, have been accepted onto post-graduate courses and have gained graduated level jobs.

The Bolton Award is free for all University of Bolton students and they can sign up at any time throughout their course. It can be completed across multiple years at a pace convenient to each individual.

If anyone is interested in signing up visit <http://bit.ly/boltonawardsignup>. Email [BoltonAward@bolton.ac.uk](mailto:BoltonAward@bolton.ac.uk). Pop into the Careers Office, in the Chancellor's Building and speak to the Bolton Award Project Officer or phone 01204 903423

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