Our students thrive in the workplace and now new initiatives are underway to boost their employability even further.

Birkbeck’s students are made of sterner stuff than your average undergraduate or postgraduate. Their ability to combine evening study with work and/or family commitments is proof of their dedication, and employers value this perseverance.

So it is no surprise that after they finish studying, Birkbeck’s students have the highest average graduate salary in the UK of £29,432 according to FindTheBest.co.uk, and that 88% of them are working or are engaged in further study according to the Destination of Leavers from Higher Education survey.

Birkbeck’s students are also often driven by their desire to change career, and they appreciate advice geared towards helping them on their journey. These interests, of both students and employers, are being advanced thanks to a range of exciting new projects at Birkbeck.

Birkbeck has recently launched its own specialist recruitment consultancy, Birkbeck Talent. The service is designed to match students and graduates with leading employers, who are eager to tap into the university’s pool of talented students.

Employers can register their full-time and part-time vacancies with Birkbeck Talent, to receive a shortlist of candidates specifically selected for their role. Students register their CV, interests and employment preferences and then apply for roles via an online portal. If students are unsuccessful at application or interview, Birkbeck Talent will provide constructive feedback. The overall goal of the scheme is to help students to gain valuable employment experience, while also providing employers with an easy and effective way to source talented students and graduates.

Eleanor Martin is the Recruitment Manager at Birkbeck Talent. She said: “Students and employers are really enthusiastic about the scheme. Many students are keen to enhance their career by working full-time while they study. Employers are keen to recruit Birkbeck students, because they recognise the wealth of skills, motivation and talent within our student body.”

The activities of Birkbeck Talent are also being complemented by various initiatives run by Birkbeck’s Careers and Employability Service, which is open to both students and alumni.

Free workshops at Birkbeck, one-to-one appointments, and online tools offering everything from CV advice to an interview simulator tool, as well as industry reports and resources, are available. A dedicated employability advisor is also based in the employability space within the Student Centre. A new service tailored to the needs of alumni, called GradCare, will be launched in 2015.

Mosh Aboobaker, Careers and Employability Manager at Birkbeck, said: “Whether it is online or face-to-face, we offer a range of resources to boost your career. We know building your career is a constant process, so we are very willing to work with alumni as well as current students.”

For more information about Birkbeck’s Careers and Employability Service, visit: www.bbk.ac.uk/careers

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