

## Work Experience: Eligibility Criteria

Our programme has been developed to support young people from less advantaged backgrounds who may have smaller professional networks. To apply for our programme you must meet **two** of the five criteria.

Below is a breakdown of our criteria, along with how to tell if you meet them.

- First generation to go to university:

None of your parents have gone to university. If you have older siblings who have gone to university you are still eligible.

- A care leaver:

You have been looked after by a local authority for at least 13 weeks since the age of 14 and at the school-leaving age or

- In receipt of, or previously been eligible for, free school meals:

Free school meals are available for children who come from low income families or those whose parents receive certain benefits. If you are unsure you can click [here](#) to see whether you or your parents would have qualified whilst you were in secondary school. It may also worth checking with your

- Either Less than five GCSEs at C/5 and above, including English or Maths or past or predicted grades CCC or less at A-level (or equivalent):

- Less than 5 GCSE's at C/5 and above, **e.g.** Maths (4), History (3), and Science (3)  
 - Past or predicted grades CCC or less at A Level, **e.g.** Psychology (C), PE (C), RE (D).

- Lives in 30% of most deprived areas of the UK. \*measured by the indices of deprivation:

Click [here](#) to find out whether you live within the 30% most deprived areas of the UK. Enter your postcode in the box and then click 'get deprivation area' which will generate a report for you to download. Column F must show a score 3 or below for you to meet this criteria. If you struggle with this we'll also

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