

Careers, Employability and Student Enterprise Employer Offerings

What are the key things that you would want an employer to offer?

The table below suggests some of the things an employer might offer that may not be on the job advert. These aspects will vary between employers and types of organisation and role but could make a huge difference to your experience. It is important to spend some time working out your priorities and compromises in relation to these. The list is not exhaustive and it may prompt you to think of other things that you would like your future employer to offer you.

It is impo	rtant to me that an employer offers this	Circle yo	Circle your answer		
Culture:	Supportive	Yes	Maybe	No	
	Competitive	Yes	Maybe	No	
	Challenging	Yes	Maybe	No	
Development planning & training opportunities		Yes	Maybe	No	
Progressio	n and appraisal process	Yes	Maybe	No	
Mentoring		Yes	Maybe	No	
Part of a team		Yes	Maybe	No	
Working individually		Yes	Maybe	No	
'Flat' management structure		Yes	Maybe	No	
Hierarchical management structure		Yes	Maybe	No	
Flexible w	orking patterns/ home working	Yes	Maybe	No	
Reward &	recognition: performance pay/bonuses	Yes	Maybe	No	
Stability		Yes	Maybe	No	
Variety		Yes	Maybe	No	
Long term projects		Yes	Maybe	No	
Short term	projects	Yes	Maybe	No	
Geographi	cal location: stays the same	Yes	Maybe	No	
Geographical location: changes		Yes	Maybe	No	

Consider the aspects that are essential to you – how would you find out that a potential employer would provide this? Write down the questions you might ask, or research criteria you might use to find out more about the employer – where would you look and who would you ask?

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