

The Nottingham Advantage Award



The University of
Nottingham

Centre for Career
Development

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The Nottingham Advantage Award is an accredited employability award. It aims to:

Enable students to gain accreditation for learning derived from extra and co curricular activity. Aims to formally recognise activity that students are already involved in.

Enable students to develop, reflect on and articulate a range of skills. Aims to enable students to become more aware of their personal development and enhance their overall employability.

Respond to employer demand for 'well rounded' graduates who can demonstrate a range of skills and competencies.

Help UoN students become more aware of what it means to be a successful graduate.

Support the University Teaching, Learning and Assessment Strategy.

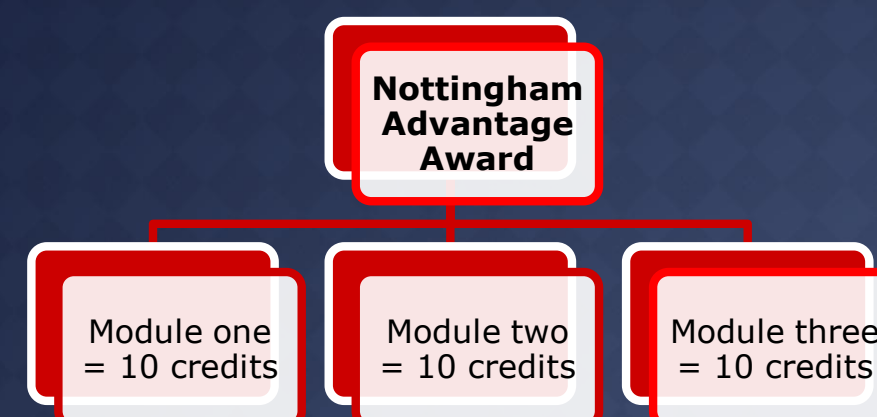
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Inside Employment:
Investigation into
Finance

Students have the opportunity to put *Inside Employment* modules towards their Advantage Award. Created by the Centre for Career Development, the *Inside Employment* series won the 2009 'AGCAS Employability Award'.

"It has given me skills I wouldn't easily be able to develop another way...and has been a point of interest on my CV for most potential employers."
NAA Student



Each 10 credit module provides 100 hours of learning for the student. Typically this includes 20 hours of teaching, or contact time, 40 hours of independent study and 40 hours towards assessment

Current Modules

Careers

Career Planning Skills
Career Skills in Economics
Career Skills for Geographers
Investigation into Finance
Investigation into Law
Investigation into Not for Profit

Work and Volunteering

Student Associates
Student Ambassadors
Work Experience
Students' Union Volunteering
Go4SET
An Introduction to Mentoring

Language & Study Abroad

Year Abroad Dossier
Study Abroad
Language Courses
Language buddying

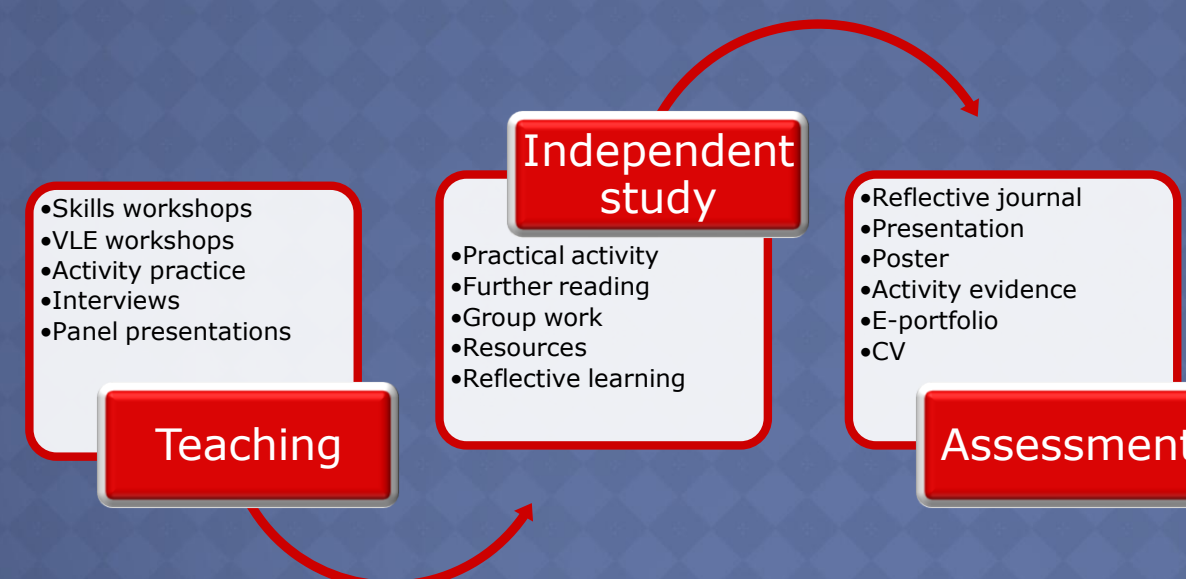
Employer Training

Employer Programme
Skills for Employability

Enterprise

PR Project
Management
Student Venture
Challenge

NAA modules encourage students to build self awareness and develop a range of skills through the process of reflective learning. This is complimented by the use of learning outcomes for each module and evidence of learning through assessment.



Student Case Study

Ian Aryeh-Thompson, American Studies BA (Hons)

Why did you apply to do the Nottingham Advantage Award?

I applied to do the Nottingham Advantage Award as it was a separate accredited programme... providing me with the chance to develop invaluable transferable skills that I could offer to prospective employers. These skills were developed in addition to my experiences from my degree discipline.

What were the benefits?

The modules on offer complimented my studies and offered activities and programmes that were not necessarily recognised through my degree. Additionally, the modules on offer seemed greatly informative, enhancing life skills in addition to maximising my university experience.

How has it helped with your degree studies?

It has also aided me in my approach to my studies and tackling different tasks...being involved in these activities provides a springboard for me to develop many skills including leadership, team working, effective communication, business awareness and IT, which greatly complimented my degree studies and university experience.

Would you recommend the Advantage Award to other students?

I cannot stress how much of an invaluable course the Nottingham Advantage Award is whilst studying. It has proved highly useful to me whilst studying at Nottingham and is a programme I believe many people will benefit from.



PR Project
Management

The students pictured here have been participating in community based campaigns as part of the PR Project Management module. These campaigns are supported by the local council to bridge the links between students living in the local community and the local residents.

"I feel it has greatly enriched my experience of university and equipped me with new transferable skills for the workplace" NAA Student