

How can I develop my Graduate Attributes?

There are many ways in which you can develop your HWU Graduate Attributes, through your learning and general experience, and your extra-curricular activities. Here are some opportunities and some sources of help:

My Programme of Study

The curriculum, learning opportunities and assessments within your programme have been designed to help you acquire the Graduate Attributes. Programme and course information will show how this will be done.

A Broad Learning Experience

In your programme, there may be opportunities for broadening your learning experience through: industrial placements, other work-related learning activities or transferring to another HWU campus for a semester or year.

Extracurricular activities

The University provides many clubs, societies, and sports for you to develop skills and experiences beyond your programme. There are also opportunities for volunteering or for becoming a student representative.

...and where can I get help?

There is a wide range of support available to help you in developing the HWU Graduate Attributes. Ask your lecturer, Personal Tutor or the Careers Service
(<http://www1.hw.ac.uk/careers/>)



E: quality@hw.ac.uk

<http://www1.hw.ac.uk/committees/ltb/ltb-policies.htm>

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Why do I need Graduate Attributes?

The global job market is highly competitive, even for graduates. Heriot-Watt has an excellent reputation for **links with business and industry**, for **professionally relevant programmes** and for providing **highly employable graduates**.

By engaging with business on real issues, real projects, and real research, our students get **practical, real-life experience** and employers get industry-fit graduates.

Heriot-Watt also provides students with a **global perspective and experience** through: a diverse international community; international programmes; opportunities to transfer between campuses (UK, Dubai, Malaysia) and to obtain a truly global education.

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WORLD,
THEN
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The Heriot-Watt Graduate

*Professionally Educated,
Globally Employable*

Developing leadership and delivering a distinctive education

During your time at Heriot-Watt, you will have the opportunity to develop skills and gain experiences which will enable you to manage your future career development and to achieve your goals.

The Graduate Attributes can help you to **shape your experiences while studying**, and to **present your skills and qualities effectively** to employers.

HWU Graduate Attributes

As a student of Heriot-Watt University, you are part of our global community. You will meet new people, discover new interests, develop your life skills and enhance your employability and career prospects.



The University will provide you with opportunities to develop skills, qualities and academic abilities during your time as a Heriot-Watt student. These are known as the **Four Heriot-Watt Graduate Attributes**:

- **Specialist**
- **Creative**
- **Global**
- **Professional**