

## Film transcript

### Business School Success Stories: Siobhan Shum

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“Throughout my four years at university I definitely found that the business links with the university has helped shaped my mind-set. I feel like I’ve really improved upon that confidence and I’m able to go into a career after graduating.

The career mentoring scheme is a six month period where students are linked with a professional in industry which is great for the university and the students. I was partnered up with Northern Trust, and it was a very successful relationship. The activities completed during the session is decided between the mentor and the student, so it can range from outlining career goals to improving strengths and weaknesses and also mock interviews.

In a placement setting it really gives you the opportunity to take on projects and I think the skills I’ve gained is for me to be able to interact with people from a variety of positions. The experience of coming to Canary Wharf every month was fantastic it’s very almost hustle and bustle and everyone’s always moving, it’s very motivating to be in an area like this.

In my final year I decided to work in the business school employability office as it’s very centred around CVs and cover letters I thought it would be a great environment for me to improve upon those skills and put me in the mind-set to be able to apply for graduate roles. As part of my role I also help in workshops that are arranged by the office, I’m a guest presenter I guess, and I help talk to students about my experience from a placement and how it helped me with my studies.

I would never have thought that I would be doing presentations to a wide audience, I feel like I’ve always kind of avoided doing presentations but as I’ve done them more and more I actually really enjoy doing more presentation.

I think university has changed me greatly I never thought I’d be as integrated into the university as I am now so I’m very happy to be taking part in all these activities, where I gained a lot more confidence and through studying this course has helped shape what I perhaps want to go into after graduating.

My advice to any prospective students would definitely be to be open minded, adaptable, take part in any activities that you may find interesting, it’s a really good opportunity to meet people, step outside of your comfort zone and you never know what you might enjoy.”

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