



CASE STUDY 6

Title: Making the Most of Masters Legacy Project: supporting postgraduate students to develop and transition to work.

Three key words: Collaboration, Work based projects, Employer engagement

Transition the practice supports – Transition out of the University ('Moving on from there'). Students participate from a wide range of disciplines across the universities, and projects are sourced across disciplines and economic area.

Abstract: The MMM Legacy Project is a market led employability innovation with strong stakeholder engagement to enhance graduate attributes, and competencies at masters level to build capacity in the workforce. The project supports collaboration between universities, enterprise agencies, employers and post-graduate taught Masters students. It aims to disseminate the MMM approach to student work based projects and engage employers, HEIs and Masters level students across Scotland. MMM strategic project supported **1000+ student work based projects 2010-2015** across a range of economic sectors in Scotland. This case study emphasises the principles of MMM Legacy Project and its benefits to students, employers and HEIs. The video at <http://www.stir.ac.uk/mmm/ supports these transitions> to work from postgraduate taught programmes.

Description: Making the Most of Masters (MMM), is an THE award winning strategic partnership, funded by the Scottish Funding Council, and has generated significant economic, employability and educational benefits for businesses, Universities and Masters students. An economic impact study of MMM¹ estimated its total value at between £3.75M and £6.2M for academic years 2011/12 and 2012/13.

The MMM model, of credit-bearing Work Based Projects as an alternative to a traditional academic Masters dissertation has resulted in almost 1000+ masters students undertaking work based projects with a wide range of businesses and other organisations across Scotland over the last five years.

The benefits from MMM Legacy for the postgraduate Masters students include:

¹ "Economic Impact of Making the Most of Masters", A final report to the Institute for Academic Development, University of Edinburgh, BiGGAR Economics, 30th July 2014

adaptation
adjustment
alteration
change
changeover
conversion
development
evolution
flux
gradation
jump
leap
metamorphosis
passage
progress
switch
transfiguration
transformation
student
progression
move
transitions