

Title: Flying Start Leadership Programme

Transition(s) the practice supports:

This initiative supports both students transition into their postgraduate studies from their previous university experience, as well as focusing on the development of specific professional skills that are sought after by graduate employers.

Abstract:

From day one, the School's innovative Flying Start Leadership Programme supports students in planning for their future career and provides them with the skills to develop into successful global business leaders.

Postgraduate students from across the Management School participate in a wide range of activities, workshops and information sessions during their first few weeks which ensure that their time at Stirling gets off to a 'Flying Start'. The programme is designed to ensure that they will graduate from Stirling with the confidence and cultural intelligence to manage effectively in their chosen future career.

Description:

Programme overview

The programme introduces students to the skills that will form the foundation of their future career. Introducing students to these aspects right at the start of their course not only leaves them better prepared, but also enables them to focus on how they can use their degree to further develop the key skills and attributes most sought after by graduate employers.

Students participating in the programme will:

- discover more about the exciting period of learning ahead and the expectations of their course;
- discover more about their own personal goals and objectives at the outset of their studies in relation to future career aspirations;
- understand what it takes to work as part of a successful team enabling them to confidently lead any situation in the future;
- develop cultural intelligence and understanding of diversity of attitudes and behaviours, so that they can work responsibly in a global business environment;
- develop business presentation skills and improve public speaking skills;
- develop and enhance levels of self-awareness to cope, work under-pressure, and manage conflict;
- improve time management skills that are applicable to any business environment;
- make new friends and discover all that the University campus and the vibrant city of Stirling has to offer.

Making an impact – what our students have to say about this initiative:

Students who participate in this programme find themselves ready to embark upon their Masters course invigorated, prepared and committed to the learning journey ahead with newly developed skills. Here are just a few comments received from this year's participants:

"The Flying Start Leadership Program was an extremely valuable experience which not only helped set the tone for what was to come but also helped prepare us for the group work assignments we were to face throughout the semester."

"I thoroughly enjoyed the Flying Start Leadership programme, in particular the team building and team working exercises as they gave me the opportunity to meet students and alumni from many different backgrounds and work alongside them on a various range of challenges"

which I found really engaging and informative. I feel this emphasized the importance of communication and decision-making in the team whilst working with people who brought a range of different skills along in order to complete these challenges."

"I strongly believe that this programme has exceeded all its goals and objectives as, certainly this programme has surpassed all my expectations. It has equipped me with the most valuable properties that every student should have from the beginning of their academic year and throughout their studies at a University."

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