

Chemicals Northwest join the employability event at the Department for Chemical Engineering at the University of Manchester

The Department of Chemical Engineering at the The University of Manchester hosted its second annual Employability Event on the 4th of October 2023.

The event was held in collaboration with the Institution of Chemical Engineers (IChemE) and The University of Manchester Faculty of Science and Engineering Makerspace. The event received 17 potential employers – including KPC International, Jacobs, Rolls-Royce, TriRx, Syngenta, Costain, Sellafield and United Utilities amongst others. The interlinked ground floor space in Core 4, from the blended lecture theatre through the event space and into the makerspace, was buzzing with Chemical Engineering students throughout the day and they received a varied timetable of seven presentation sessions, company stands and networking opportunities.

Some companies offered interview sessions to the students during the fair, and four of them were progressed to the next stage of the interview process.

It was particularly pleasing to welcome back alumni who are forging successful careers at these companies. This was a true source of inspiration for our students and pleasing to see that these graduates hold the Department in such high regard.

Feedbacks from companies:

It was a wonderful day spent interacting with young minds at the STEM career fair at the University of Manchester.

A big thanks to Dr Perpetual for organizing a successful #careersfair at The University of Manchester. It was great to see so many interested attendees.

Thank you to everyone who stopped by our stand to learn about #CPI and the exciting opportunities we offer.

Excellent day at the University of Manchester Chemical Engineering Careers fair with my colleagues advertising the current Chemical Engineering and TSMS placement opportunities at TriRx - Speke Operations.

Feed back from students:

It was an enlightening experience and a fantastic opportunity for all of us to gain insights into various career paths within our field. The effort you put into coordinating and facilitating the event truly made a difference. I found the panel discussions and networking sessions exceptionally valuable, and I believe they greatly benefit our academic and professional growth.

Another student

I am writing to let you know that the Careers Fair was really useful. I myself was looking for summer placement opportunities, and many participating companies had enticing offers. I also had an opportunity to broaden my horizons regarding the newest technological advancements and the skills that are needed the most.

Many of my course mates, who are 2nd-year students, emphasized that the Careers Fair was very useful for searching for placement opportunities.

I hope that the Careers Fair will continue to be a highlight of the year in the upcoming years.

Another student

I am one of the presidents of the Chemical Engineering Society for this academic year.

I wanted to send this email on behalf of myself and many of my colleagues that attended yesterday's fair to emphasise how much of a success it was. It was a great opportunity to learn more about the various industries a Chemical Engineer can pursue, network with graduates and discover available vacancies within each company. As a final year student, I found it particularly useful as I begin to consider my prospects beyond graduation.

I really do hope this Careers Fair continues in the following years!

Dr Hosam, an academic from the department
Special thanks are due to Dr Perpetual Eze-Idehen for the excellent organisation.

