Approaching Final Year - A Guide for Students

By now, most of you will be clued in as to what a career in real estate could hold for you. Lots of you will have relevant work experience and some will have completed a placement year in industry or a summer internship.

But it is surprising how many of our students don't realise the time-frame for their final year.

You need to:

- Have an **up-to-date and industry relevant CV** – ask your sponsor, mentor or Karen to take a look at yours.
- Have a **LinkedIn profile.**
- Be aware of **when graduate careers applications open** for the firms you are interested in – for most corporates the grad application window is **Sept-Nov/Dec**, with interviews in **Jan/Feb**, and assessment days going on through the spring. If you miss the autumn application window, you are on the back-foot for job-seeking.
- Be aware of **university deadlines** – especially for your dissertation – ensure that you schedule the various stages of this vital piece of coursework – question framing, research, lit reviews, drafting and completing. Your sponsoring company and/or mentor can be really helpful with this.
- Use your **university careers hub** to get notifications of opportunities.
- Take note of all deadlines and exam dates throughout the year **and ensure that you are aware of them and can plan for them – DO NOT go on holiday at crucial times of preparation**
- **Stay in touch** with your **sponsor and mentors** – they will have good advice all year round and be able to help with academics and applications. **Remember the basics – thanking** them each term you receive your money and **replying to emails and messages within 24hours.**
- Make sure you have office wear for when you visit your sponsor or do work experience or a placement. By third year this should be suits/tailored clothes and the full professional look.

Important additional information for final year students:

The RICS have a charitable arm called **Lionheart.** They offer help and advice to anyone who is a member of the RICS and will give lifelong support to chartered surveyors and their families. **They also provide key help for final year students.**

- **Financial grants in addition to your bursary**
- **Interview outfits/funds**

- **Travel costs for up to 4 interviews**
- **Access to legal guidance**

You will need to apply for these things, but it might be foolish not to!

https://www.lionheart.org.uk/support-for-surveying-students

Savills have also offered the following resources for you:

Top tips on how to apply and be successful in gaining a graduate position

https://www.savills.co.uk/contact-us/careers/graduate-careers/graduate-application-process.aspx

Advice about what jobs, what's going on in property to help you decide your career

https://www.savills.co.uk/insight-and-opinion/#Research

https://www.savills.co.uk/contact-us/careers/graduate-careers/faqs.aspx