

ALL THINGS UDA

The Monthly Newsletter of University Degrees Abroad



UDA ANNOUNCES PARTNERSHIP WITH FALMOUTH UNIVERSITY

In line with our mission to provide international students with an opportunity to affordably pursue degrees that aim to prepare students for a successful and productive career, UDA is pleased to announce our partnership with Falmouth University in Cornwall, England. The university offers undergraduate as well as postgraduate master's and research degrees while specializing in several fields including computer science, business and marketing, art and design, media, and photography. Falmouth also offers Ph.D. and Masters in Philosophy programs for those interested in engaging in research.

JOIN A UDA SUMMER TOUR

UDA is hosting summer tours at the University of Chester (UoC) and the University of Gloucestershire (UoG) this year. The tour is designed for student athletes to learn about the programs at the universities and get to know the coaching staff.

The UoC tour will take place from July 6 to 14, and the UoG tour is scheduled for July 17 to 26. For details, contact Director of Recruitment Seamus Reilly at sreilly@udauk.org.

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INTRODUCING OUR PARTNER UNIVERSITIES

CARDIFF METROPOLITAN UNIVERSITY

Located in the Welsh capital, Cardiff Metropolitan University has been named the most affordable UK city for students. Focused on creating the best student experience, Cardiff Met is the winner of 'Best Student Community' while 85% of students agree that they are satisfied with their course quality. Hosting an array of year-round events from sport to art, Cardiff is an excellent place to live and study.

UNIVERSITY OF PORTSMOUTH

The University of Portsmouth is located in southern England, two hours south of London in one of the most affordable cities for students. The University of Portsmouth is rated the number one university in the UK for graduate salary boost (The Economist, 2017), top 30 for student satisfaction (National Student Survey (NSS) 2020), and has an overall five star world-class rating in all categories (QS Top Universities 2021). From the University of Portsmouth, 94 percent of graduates are working or in further study (HESA Graduate Outcomes Survey, 2019). There are over 150 societies, clubs, and sporting opportunities to get involved in. The city you'll call home has miles of beaches, green spaces, and cultural opportunities.

FALMOUTH UNIVERSITY

With more than 100 years' experience, TEF Gold standard teaching, professional facilities, peerless connections and a vibrant creative community, we're not afraid to do things differently. We're re-thinking the shape of Higher Education and delivering impactful research and innovation. So, we're fostering the fusion of creativity and technology to bring about new ideas, new ways of thinking, doing, making and creating.

UNIVERSITY OF GLOUCESTERSHIRE

Located in Gloucestershire, England, the University of Gloucestershire is considered the UK's most sustainable university (People and Planet League 2019). Across three specialized campuses, Gloucestershire is home to over 10,000 students, over 80 competitive sports, clubs, and societies, with over 4,000 placements and internships completed by students. Set in the idyllic countryside with close proximity to the iconic Cotswolds and Shakespeare Country, Gloucestershire offers the best of a small city with the beauty of England's green and pleasant lands.

UNIVERSITY OF CHESTER

Located in historical west England, The University of Chester aims to support and develop world citizens. Offering over 300 degree options across three specialized campuses, The University of Chester has an option for everyone. Focusing on quality, most degree programs occur for the duration of three years. In addition to its unprecedented culture, Chester prides itself on offering a variety of student support options. From advice to personal guidance, the University wants all students to have a memorable experience during their course of study.

LEEDS BECKETT UNIVERSITY

Located in idyllic Yorkshire, England, the City of Leeds is home to Leeds Beckett University and set in an ideal location for students. With about 200 undergraduate programs, across two specialized campuses, Leeds Beckett has an option for each student. A Modern university located in the biggest financial district outside of London, Leeds Beckett aspires to create exceptional employees, dynamic citizens, and enterprising leaders with students from 143 countries and territories.



INTRODUCING GAYNOR CROMPTON

Head of Player Support

"I work at UDA as the Head of Player Support. It has many strands but focuses on taking care of the boys and ensuring they have any support that is needed whilst they are in the UK — this can be in respect of personal, emotional, financial, academic and health issues, to name just a few. The boys are able to contact me at any time (unless I am asleep) with issues or questions they have. I also have an on-site presence at training sessions and accompany them to the majority of their games. When I am on the campus, I run 1:1 sessions where they can drop in for a chat and I also send out invitations for meetings with any of the boys who I feel need support. I also do my best to keep them on track and address anything of concern if I become aware of any lack of engagement. The parents also have my contact details and they are able to contact me to discuss any issues or concerns.

My favourite part of the job is being part of such a fantastic team. The staff at UDA show constant professionalism and work together to provide the boys with the best possible training and experience they can whilst in the UK. The UDA boys are such a great group to work with, the boys are always polite and respectful and a joy to be around. I enjoy watching the boys develop and grow during their experience at UDA and being part of that journey and helping them to navigate through is very rewarding.

I was lucky enough to be asked to become involved with UDA as I have worked with Joel Roberts for 13 years whilst at the College. Joel asked me initially whether I would help to set up the UDA programme in the UK and assist with the safeguarding and welfare of the boys. If I am honest, I thought that this was a role that I would do for 12 months and then pass onto somebody else. However, I love working on the programme, being around the boys and liaising with families, the team in the UK are also a joy to work with so I have stayed and I hope to do so for the foreseeable future!"



APRIL HIGHLIGHT: UDA DREAM MAKER WEBINAR WITH NADIA IBRAHIM-TANEY

On April 25th, UDA held a webinar with Career Coach and founder of Beyond Discovery Coaching, Nadia Ibrahim-Taney. Nadia will be working in part with UDA's Dream Maker Program focused on helping students find and fulfill a productive career.

The webinar was aimed at helping students learn how Nadia can be of service aiding students as they navigate their professional career landscape. With experience in higher education and working with American students in the United States and the United Kingdom for over fifteen years, Nadia is equipped to help UDA students. "Having worked with students for most of my career, having been a student myself for most of my career and doing my second master's abroad in the UK, all gave me the skills, empathy, and life experience to best help UDA students."

Through every aspect of career building, Nadia is there to help students. "From building brand presence on LinkedIn, networking and having a strong resume, there are a lot of simple, yet highly effective manageable action steps you can start taking as early as your first year of study" she stated.

Nadia helps students design happy and fulfilling dream careers and mentors students through the transition from university to the professional workplace. Students find her unique insights on resume writing, interview prep and LinkedIn optimization particularly helpful in their job search. As a university student, Nadia emphasizes that considering your next career moves are key. "It's never too early to start designing and building a happy and fulfilling career that makes you want to get out of bed every single day."

When searching for a career coach, Nadia recommends "Use your networks and if you can get a personal recommendation for a coach or an endorsement from a trusted company such as UDA, then that is gold!"

Students are welcome to contact Nadia directly via her email in order to learn more about working with her. Please feel free to email her at nadia@beyonddiscoverycoaching.com.

