

## **University of Greenwich students set to keep the Games moving**

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Three hundred University of Greenwich students are to receive specialist training for jobs at the London Olympic Games.

The university's Business School has teamed up with Jet Set Sports, a company that has provided hospitality work at the last 15 Olympic Games, to provide 16 weeks of training for students. There is a guarantee of an interview for paid employment during the Games and Jet Set Sports estimate that, based on previous experience, over 90% of students who complete the training will receive a job offer.

Second year students will be working in areas such as ticketing, issuing wristbands and guiding people to their seats. Some MA Events Management students will be offered more senior roles as events managers, which will involve organising and supervising groups of workers.

Peter Vlachos, Principal Lecturer and Enterprise Leader for the university's London Centre for Events Management, says: "One session of training is complete and the next is due to start on February 13. This is a fantastic opportunity for our students to gain valuable work experience. They will benefit from Jet Set Sports' years of expertise and in return we are providing a workforce of highly capable, events-specialist business students. It really is a win-win partnership all around."

Jon Sibson, Dean of the Business School, adds: "This is a perfect example of how the University of Greenwich is working with industry to ensure our students develop the skills to meet the needs of the working world.

"We are pleased to be collaborating with Jet Set Sports and many other employers to provide a link between academia and industry which benefits both sides, the economy, and society in general. Opportunities like these provide valued business employment skills to our students and raise their aspirations."