KING'S CAREERS & EMPLOYABILITY

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Complaints Process & Procedure

King's College London is committed to considering and investigating genuine complaints from students, which it sees as an invaluable source of feedback, and undertakes that any student submitting a complaint will not be treated less favourably in their King's experience or subsequent academic career.

This local policy should be read in conjunction with King's wider Concerns and Complaints documentation.

Students, Alumni & Research Staff

By reporting problems to our service or provision you give us the opportunity to put things right quickly, and to identify an appropriate solution. Our staff are trained to resolve queries as quickly as reasonably possible.

In the first instance you should aim to resolve a complaint through discussion directly with those directly involved, either immediately after it has occurred, or on reflection shortly after.

You can speak with a member of staff via phone, MS Teams or via King's live chat. Alternatively, email <u>careers@kcl.ac.uk</u> and we will aim to respond within three working days.

A full list of King's Careers & Employability staff is available on the website together with contact details, and you complaint will be handled confidentially, whilst also ensuring that it is shared with the relevant manager in the team to investigate and consider action.

If you decide to make a formal complaint, we endeavour to:

- deal with your complaint quickly.
- aim to acknowledge your correspondence within three working days.
- update you on progress if we are unable to resolve the matter immediately.
- deal with your complaint in confidence (where appropriate).

If the complaint is not resolved to your satisfaction, or its nature requires a formal resolution you should follow appropriate steps in the <u>complaints procedure for students</u>.

King's Careers & Employability is part of the Student Success division in the Students & Education Directorate (SED) and reports to:

- Ms Amy Kellaher (Director of Student Success)
- Ms Joy Whyte (Strategic Director, Education & Students)

Please Note: King's Business School operates its own careers team which oversees Careers Education support and aspects of Work-related Learning specific for its students. Therefore student, alumni, research staff and academic complaints which are specifically regarding appointments, programming or provision directly connected to King's Business School should be directed to Mrs Rachel Tonner (Head of Business School Careers).

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King's College London Academics & Professional Services Staff

By reporting problems, you give us the opportunity to put things right quickly, and to identify an appropriate solution. Our staff are trained to resolve queries as quickly as reasonably possible.

Where possible, in the first instance you should aim to resolve a complaint through discussion directly with those involved. If this does not satisfy the nature of your complaint, you should raise your complaint with the appropriate member of the department's Senior Leadership Team, who are listed below together with areas they are responsible for:

- Careers Education & Curriculum Partnership: Vanessa Freeman
 - Including faculty provision, careers appointments and workshops, aspects of integrating employability into curriculum and programme review.
- Employer Engagement & Work-based Learning (inc. Industry placements): <u>Andrew Wright</u>
 - Including employer relations and partnerships, labour market insight, opportunity
 management, employer fairs and workshops, speaker panels, industry placement student
 lifecycle support, accredited internships, centrally-managed work-based learning
 programming and supplier relationships.
- Student Careers Engagement & Enhancement: Aranee Manoharan (interim)
 - Including King's Edge programming, the Student Opportunity Fund, King's
 Undergraduate Research Fellowship, digital resources and systems, communications and social media, leadership mentoring and student enquiry services.

If you decide to make a formal complaint, we will:

- Deal with your complaint quickly.
- Aim to acknowledge your correspondence within three working days.
- Update you on progress if we are unable to resolve the matter immediately.
- Deal with your complaint in confidence (where appropriate).

If you are unable to resolve your complaint via these means, please contact Ms Aranee Manoharan, Senior Associate Director (Careers & Employability).

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Employers, Industry & External Partners

By reporting problems to our department, you give us the opportunity to put things right quickly, and to identify an appropriate solution. Our staff are trained to resolve queries as quickly as reasonably possible.

Where possible, in the first instance you should aim to resolve a complaint through discussion directly with those involved, or their line manager:

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- Employer Relations & Development: Phil Hardcastle
- Events & Experiential Learning: <u>Jonathan Goodliffe</u>
- Work-based Learning (inc. Work-related Learning & Global Placements): <u>Eleanor Hannan</u>

If you are unable to satisfactorily resolve your complaint through this escalation process, please raise your complaint to <u>Andrew Wright</u>, Associate Director (Employer Engagement & Work-based Learning).

If you decide to make a formal complaint, we will:

- Deal with your complaint quickly.
- Aim to acknowledge your correspondence within five working days.
- Update you on progress if we are unable to resolve the matter immediately.
- Deal with your complaint in confidence (where appropriate).

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King's Careers & Employability is a member of the <u>Association of Graduate Careers Advisory Services</u> (AGCAS) and as such upholds their codes of best practice in graduate recruitment.