

# MSc Financial Technology and Data Science— Prepare for Career Success

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# Today's session

- Careers Service support for PGT and International students
- Activity – getting to know mycareer
- Bristol Skills Profile – skills being developed on your course
- Understanding career decision making
- Career Exploration Exercise



# THE CAREERS SERVICE: AN INTRO

Helping you get to where you want to be when you graduate.  
Support from day 1 to 3 years after finishing your studies.  
We offer careers advice, workshops and resources to support you to:



Explore your  
options



Develop skills,  
gain experience



Apply for roles  
/ further study



Build your  
networks



Prepare for interviews  
and assessments

Careers Service support includes:



Resources,  
workshops, 1:1s



Tailored  
support



Employability in  
the curriculum



Bristol PLUS  
Award



Engage with  
employers



Business start-  
up support

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# CENTRAL CAREERS PROGRAMME

## Interactive workshops and talks to support career planning

Visit [mycareer](https://mycareer.bristol.ac.uk) for regular in-person, online, and hybrid events.



Events count towards [Bristol PLUS Award](#).

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Regular in-person, online, and hybrid events throughout the year.

Information and advice on:



- Exploring career options;



- Developing skills and gaining experience;



- Finding and applying for opportunities;



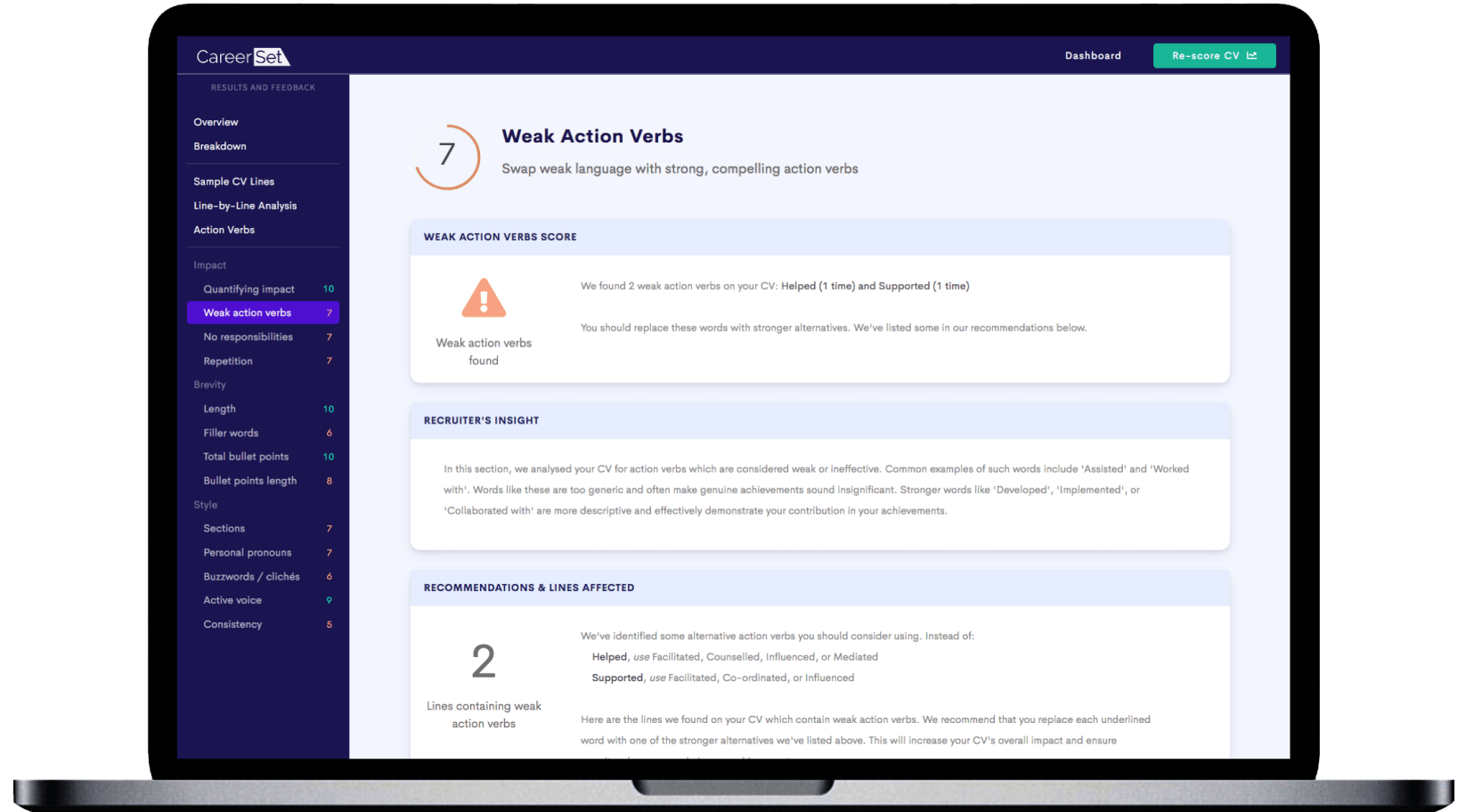


# OPTIMISE YOUR CV: ONLINE CV FEEDBACK TOOL (CAREERSET)

CareerSet

- ✓ Score my CV
- ✓ Target my CV
- ✓ Review my cover letter

[Access 24/7 on mycareer](#)



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# TAKE PRACTICE INTERVIEWS ONLINE (SHORTLIST.ME)

- ✓ [Access practice interviews online 24/7](#) and get feedback to enhance your interview technique.
- ✓ Start by reading our [preparing for interview resources](#) to learn how to answer questions effectively.
- ✓ Also, access [free practice selection tests](#) commonly used by employers.



# INTERVIEW SUPPORT

Reading Resources	Events*
<u>Step by Step Interview Guide</u>	<u>Intro talk: Prepare for Interviews</u>
<u>Video Interviews</u>	<u>Intro talk: Technical and Scientific Interviews</u>
Practice	1:1 Support
<u>Workshop: Interview Practice*</u>	30-minute practice appointments (on request when you have an interview scheduled). <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- General interviews</li><li>- Case study interviews</li></ul>
<u>Online interview simulator (Shortlist.me)</u>	

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# CAREERS SERVICE INTRO TALKS

- CVs, Cover letters and Applications;
- Finding part-time work;
- Researching career options;
- Finding work experience, internships and placements;
- Prepare for interviews;
- Psychometric testing in the selection process;

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- Graduate scheme and jobs – what you need to know;  
And more...

“The presenter was friendly and was very happy to answer all the questions. Loved it.”

- Talks are either online or at [5 Tyndall Avenue](#);
- Book your place at [mycareer](#);



# CAREERS SERVICE WORKSHOPS

- Get clear on your career.
- CV shortlisting in the Employer's shoes.
- Writing a cover letter that gets results.
- Writing a successful job application.
- Interview practice.
- Get ready for assessment centres.

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- Professionalism in the workplace.
- Using AI for career planning and applications.

And more...

The session “helped me a lot to increase my confidence level. I would like to attend more sessions in future.”

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# LIVE CHAT

- Whether you're creating your CV, seeking work experience or exploring your career options, we have a range of support available for you.
- If you've got a question, [join us for a chat.](#)
- Monday to Friday, 10 am to 4.30 pm during term time, 1.30 pm to 4.30 pm during vacation periods
- We're looking forward to talking with you!

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# USING AI IN APPLICATIONS

## DO



- Research the role and company. Copy the job description and person specification into the AI tool.
- Use as a proofreading tool or to get you started in place of a template.
- Use effective prompts: be clear and concise, ensuring the tool understands your intent.
- Use to generate ideas: e.g. a list of action verbs or for help structuring cover letters.
- Use it to help you understand what skills you should highlight.

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## DON'T



- Forget to personalise the AI output. Employers expect to see a tailored response to the role and company.
- Forget to fact-check the output for accuracy - AI isn't always right.
- Assume the tone or format is appropriate. It may be too formal/informal or no longer relevant to current recruitment methods.
- Use vague or broad prompts, the AI may invent skills and abilities for you. Your job application must be truthful.

See our [empowering your career planning with AI](#) article for more information.

# YOUR CAREERS SERVICE IS STILL HERE FOR YOU FOR UP TO 3 YEARS AFTER YOUR STUDIES FINISH, WHEREVER YOU ARE IN THE WORLD!

You'll still have access to all of our amazing online events and resources, **wherever and whenever** you need them.

You can get feedback on your applications and book **one to one careers guidance appointments**

We'll keep in touch, but don't forget **we're here to help!**  
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# **BASECAMP** **ENTERPRISE TEAM**

If you have an idea for a business start-up, want to spin-out, or grow your entrepreneurial mindset, we can help.

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|--|---|
| <b>Little Impacts:</b>                   | an entrepreneurial skills booster series;     |
| <b>Start-up Drinks:</b>                  | for networking with like minded people;       |
| <b>1-2-1 Consultations:</b>              | for focused conversations and exploration;    |
| <b>Start up competitions and events:</b> | to get your ideas moving towards realisation. |

# SME PROGRAMMES

Work alongside charities, social enterprises and SMEs to develop employability skills by getting involved with our SME programmes -

- City Challenges
- IKEEP
- SME Internships

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# BRISTOL PLUS AWARD

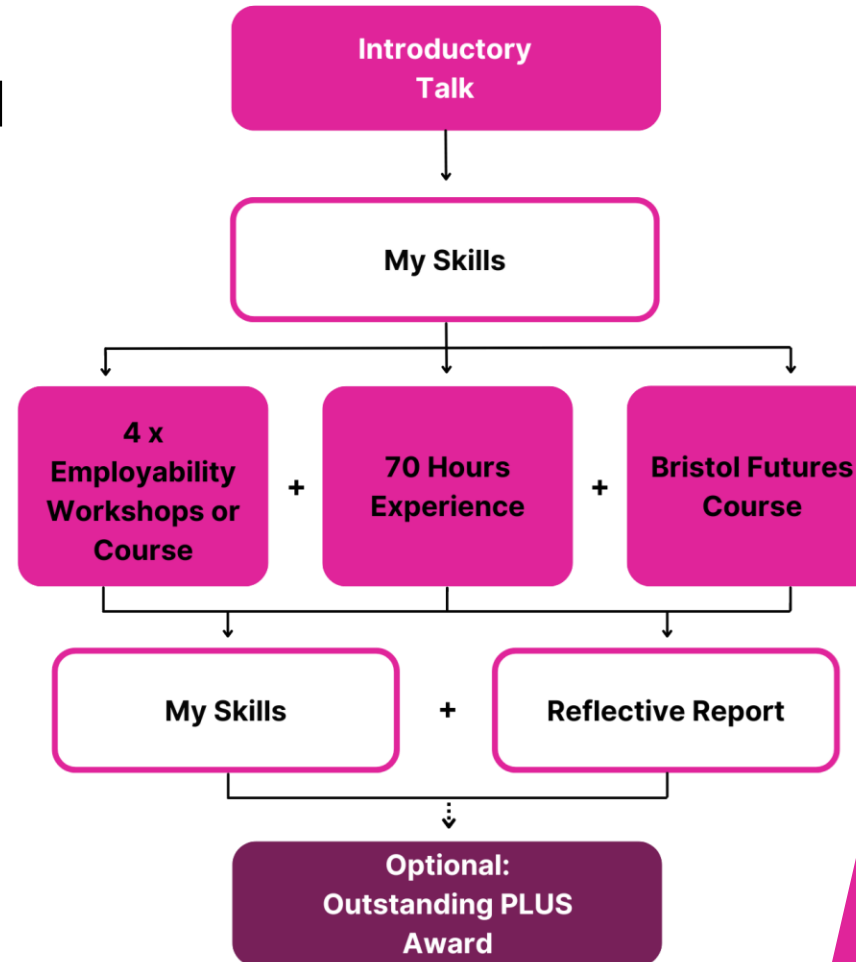
The University's employability award

- The Bristol PLUS Award opens in Welcome Week.
- You must register by **21 February** and complete the award by **23 May**.

Scan here to sign up!

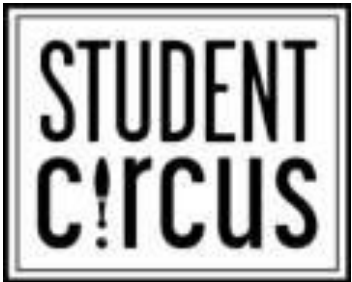


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# INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SUPPORT

- [Tailored advice and resources](#) on every aspect of your international career journey – including finding work experience and jobs in the UK and overseas.
- [Employer talks and job fairs](#) including sponsoring UK and overseas employers.



[Register](#) for this free platform advertising sponsored UK jobs, and jobs in over 30 countries around the world.





# INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS TAILORED EVENTS TB1 2024

What	When
English language for the workplace	<a href="#">17 October at 2pm</a>
UK workplace culture and communication	<a href="#">16 October at 11am</a> <a href="#">28 November at 11am</a>
Get a graduate job in the UK – strategies for success	<a href="#">16 September at 2pm</a> <a href="#">29 October at 3pm</a> <a href="#">25 November at 10am</a>
Get a graduate job in the UK – your visa options	<a href="#">08 October at 10am</a>
How to stand out in the overseas graduate job market	<a href="#">18 October at 3pm</a> <a href="#">25 November at 2pm</a>
UK networking skills for international students	<a href="#">05 November at 10am</a>
Panel: International alumni – tips for getting a graduate job in the UK	<a href="#">12 November at 5.30pm</a>
How to stand out in the Chinese job market	<a href="#">09 October at 2.15pm</a> <a href="#">27 November at 2pm</a>
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# DISABLED AND NEURODIVERGENT STUDENTS

As well as our offer for all students, you can access:

1. Dedicated [careers guide](#) for disabled and neurodivergent students.
2. Bookable career meetings [online](#) and [in person](#) on mycareer.
3. Advice about adjustments and advocacy support from [EmployAbility](#). [Book on mycareer](#) or [email them](#).



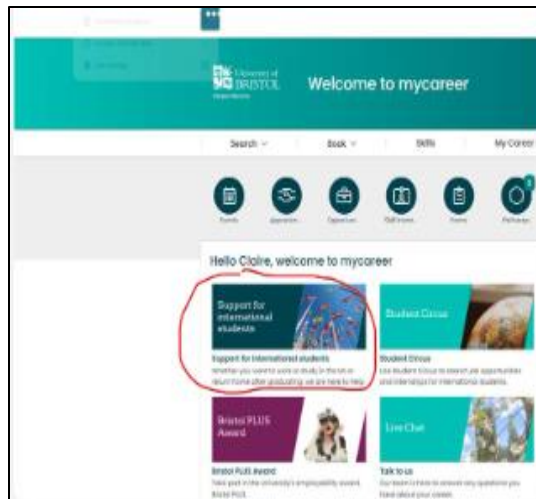
Complete the [Careers Service support request form](#) to ask questions and find out more about how we can support you.

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# INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS – LOG INTO MYCAREER

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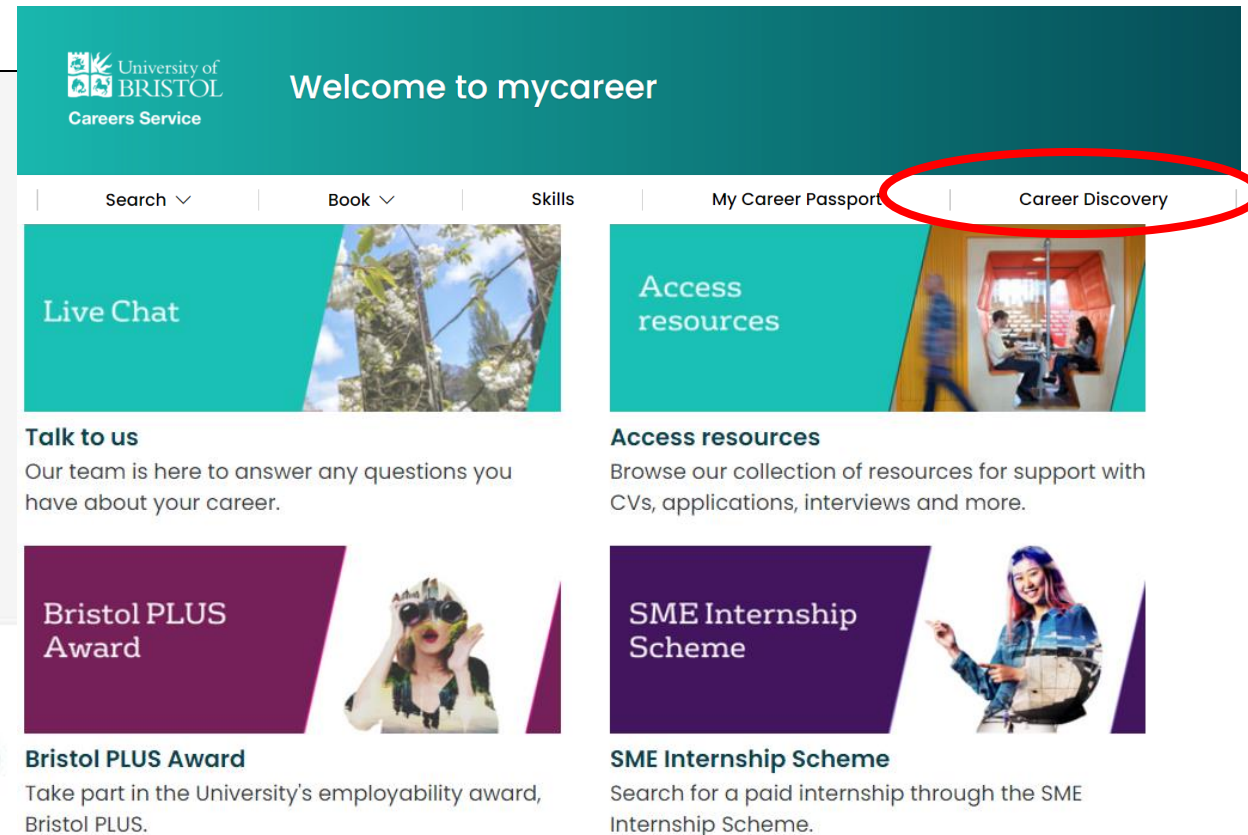
then scroll to the bottom and click here:

### Access all Careers Service resources

In addition to the support listed above, you can also [browse our collection of resources](#) for help with CVs, applications, interviews and much more.

Click on 'International students'. Information on Visas, looking for work experience and jobs, international student employer and alumni events. Scroll to the bottom for the resources link.

## HOME STUDENTS



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Career Discovery and search '[Access resources](#)'.



# Activity: mycareer

1. Click on the Events tab – when is the next workshop “UK Networking Skills for International students”? Is it in person or online?
2. Click on the Appointments tab – how many different types of career appointment are there? How can you book a careers guidance interview?
3. Click on the Opportunities tab – If you click the “Opportunity Type” filter – how many categories are there? How many Job Sectors are listed as IT and Technology?
4. Go to “Career Discovery” and type in Fintech – Can you find the “What is Fintech?” Article?





# Bristol Skills Profile

Using the My Skills platform

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# Skills from your course

- 1.Teamwork:** Collaborating on group projects enhances the ability to work effectively in a team, a skill highly valued in the industry.
- 2.Communication:** Documenting design decisions and presenting projects improves both written and verbal communication skills.
- 3.Problem-Solving:** Developing and troubleshooting blockchain applications fosters critical thinking and problem-solving abilities.
- 4.Project Management:** Managing a project from conception to deployment teaches planning, organization, and time management.
- 5.Adaptability:** Learning new technologies and adapting to evolving project requirements builds flexibility and resilience.
- 6.Leadership:** Leading or coordinating team efforts helps develop leadership and decision-making skills.

# MY SKILLS

## What will I learn?

Academic skills

Research skills

Knowledge handling skills

## What will I be able to do?

Work well independently

Work well with others

Work well across communities

## What will I become?

Proactive about your wellbeing

Clear about your direction

Ready for the future

## What will I learn?

### Academic skills

- How to think in and beyond your discipline
- How to express your ideas
- How to develop effective learning strategies

### Research skills

- How to conduct my own research
- How to evaluate the research of others
- How to think critically

### Knowledge handling skills

- How to develop ideas and solve problems
- How to think creatively and innovatively
- How to analyse and present data

## What will I be able to do?

### Work well independently

- Organise myself effectively
- Act with integrity
- Recover from difficulties and setbacks

### Work well with others

- Work well as part of a team
- Communicate confidently and appropriately in a range of settings
- Develop and maintain healthy relationships

### Work well across communities

- Recognise and value the views and differences of others
- Engage positively with local communities
- Engage positively with global issues

## What will I become?

### Proactive about your wellbeing

- Good at caring for my physical and mental health
- Able to develop my self-awareness
- Able to develop a positive mindset

### Clear about your direction

- Clear about my motivations and values
- Confident in expressing my strengths
- Ready for my next steps

### Ready for the future

- Confident in using digital tools
- Able to identify and work with technological advances
- Ready to adapt to changing and challenging environments



# Track your skills

- You are developing skills all the time through your studies, extracurricular activities and in your day to day life.
- Taking time to reflect on your skills, and tracking them in a purposeful way, will help you to develop them and communicate them effectively to others.
- The University's online skills platform, called My Skills will help you to:
  - understand your skills
  - reflect on your skills
  - build your skills profile
  - develop your skills and set goals.



# THE MY SKILLS PLATFORM (PGT)



- Understand the skills you've developed on your course.
- Identify extracurricular experiences that help you develop your skills.
- Reflect on the skills you used during previous jobs and studies.
- Build your skills profile.
- Develop your skills
- Set goals and grow.

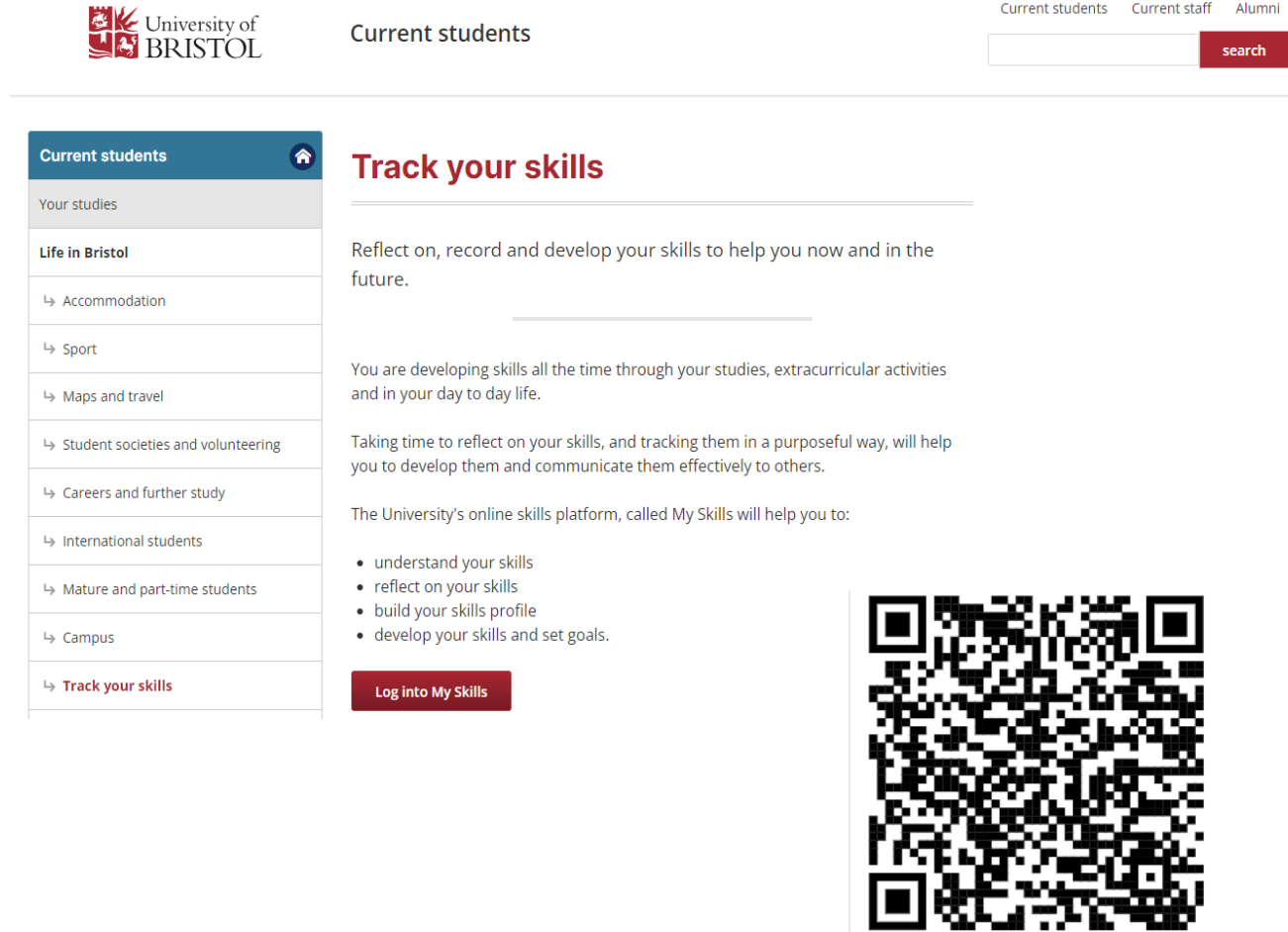
**MY**  
**SKILLS**

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# HOW TO ACCESS MY SKILLS

- Using the My Skills platform you can
  - Understand your skills
  - Reflect on your skills
  - Build your skills profile
  - Develop your skills and set goals
  - Visit [track your skills](#) to access
- You can use My Skills throughout your studies and after you graduate

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The screenshot displays the University of Bristol's 'My Skills' platform. At the top, the University of Bristol logo is on the left, and navigation links for 'Current students', 'Current staff', and 'Alumni' are on the right. A search bar is also present. The main content area is titled 'Current students' and features a sidebar menu with options like 'Your studies', 'Life in Bristol', 'Accommodation', 'Sport', 'Maps and travel', 'Student societies and volunteering', 'Careers and further study', 'International students', 'Mature and part-time students', 'Campus', and 'Track your skills'. The 'Track your skills' section is highlighted and contains the heading 'Track your skills', a description of the platform's purpose, a list of benefits (understand, reflect, build, and develop skills), and a 'Log into My Skills' button. A QR code is located in the bottom right corner of the interface.

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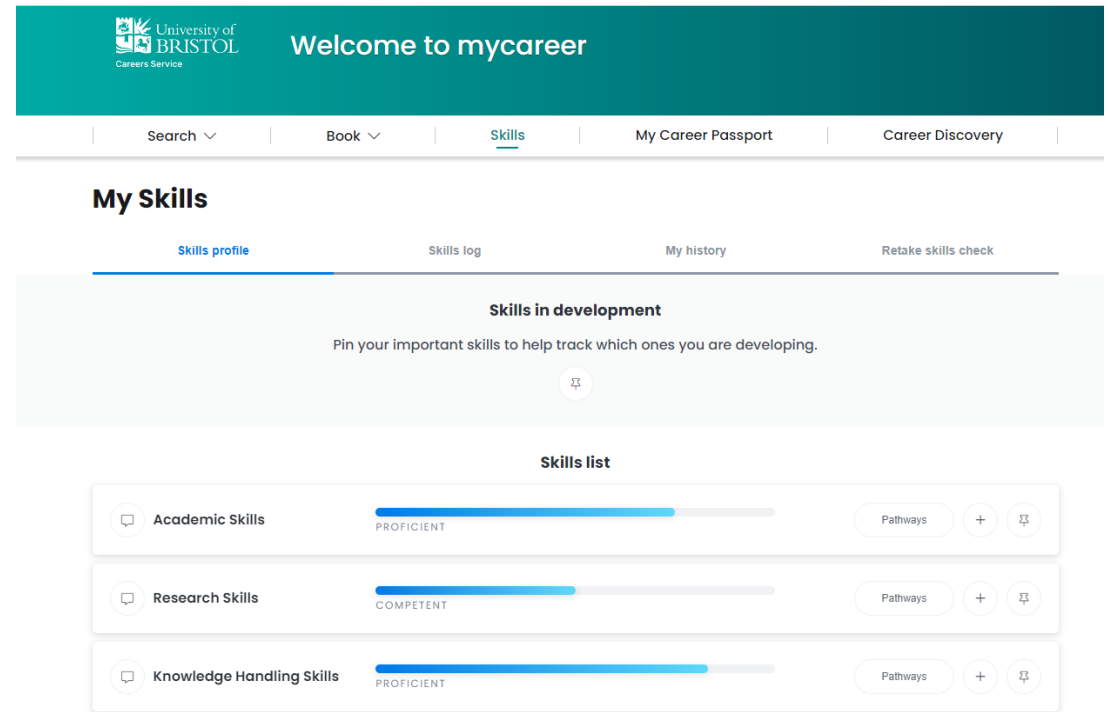
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# Activity: Complete the assessment

## STEP ONE:

- Reflect on your skills and answer the skills statements
  - Takes approx. 15 minutes
  - 9 skills, 27 sub skills, 4 statements for each

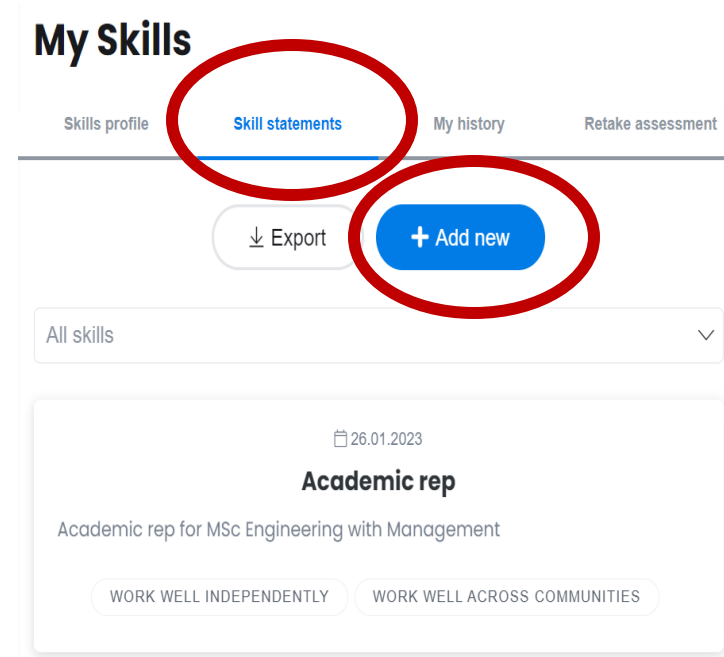




# Add your evidence

- Once the assessment is complete, you can start to add your evidence
  - Visit the “Skills statements” tab and add:
    - Part-time jobs
    - Extra-curricular activities
    - Work experience and internships
    - Project work
    - Volunteering
  - Link to relevant skills
    - Can select multiple skills for each experience

- Can be completed multiple times to see changes
  - It's possible to retake in a few weeks, or you could put previous in to see the comparison



# What can I do with an MSc Financial Technology and Data Science?

Group Activity

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# Activity

- Select an organisation from the list provided. Each group should select a different organisation
- Create a PowerPoint presentation (3 minutes) on:
  - The organisation name and sector
  - A short description of what the organisation does and why you think they hire MSc Financial technology with Data Science students – you will discuss this further, so just do your best!
  - The recruitment website or general website
  - Whether the organisation offers work experience opportunities (include some details if possible)
  - Prepare to share your presentation in the group tutorial and provide/receive feedback