

Finding Work in the Pandemic, after Graduating

Alumni Joshua explains how he went about finding work in these tough times..

I graduated in July with no leads on employment. The job market was (and still is) in a dire situation and many people recently graduated/leaving school are struggling to kickstart their career.

I participated in various free virtual internships provided by other organisations to increase my employability through learning work-specific skills and proving enthusiasm and commitment.

I got involved in volunteering to ensure I didn't have a massive gap in employment and to give myself something to talk about in interviews showing I'm willing to go the extra mile and I have customer experience.

I found a job on VanquisBank's website as a Root Cause Analysis Specialist. Vanquis has a reputation for hiring young people and giving graduates and school leavers opportunities. Vanquis also offer a lot of career progression and even starting at the bottom can lead to high-responsibility roles within the first 2-3 years. I had 4 interviews all over the phone before receiving my offer of employment.

I started on 28th September. Vanquis has adapted to the current pandemic and ensure I have all the tools and support I need to grow and learn. I've had a seamless start (with the expected exceptions of a few technical difficulties setting up remote working) and I feel great about my career direction.

Joshua will be providing us with a short video on his role for those who are keen to know more.