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# Murdoch University Dubai

## The Link: Employability News & Updates

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Welcome to the 8th edition of The Link, Murdoch University Dubai's (MUD) Employability e-Newsletter. Our goal is to provide you with the tools, guidance, and resources needed to sharpen your employability skills, navigate your career journey with confidence, and succeed in today's competitive job market.

We hope this edition inspires and supports you in becoming more employable. Remember to stay proactive, seek opportunities, and never hesitate to reach out to us for guidance and assistance.

Wishing you great success and fulfillment in your future endeavors. May your career path be rewarding and filled with accomplishments.

## Job Portals for Internships and Work Opportunities

Finding the right opportunities can be challenging. Here are some top portals to help you discover internships and part-/full-time work:

- **Murdoch University Dubai Career Portal:** Access to a wide range of internships and job postings tailored for students.
- **LinkedIn:** LinkedIn is an excellent platform to find internships and jobs tailored to your profile and interests. It's also a powerful tool for networking with professionals in your field. Whether you're exploring career opportunities or looking to connect with industry experts, LinkedIn is a valuable resource to enhance your employability. Make sure your profile is updated and explore job postings that align with your goals.
- **Bayt.com:** Bayt.com is a dedicated job portal that offers a wide range of opportunities, from internships to full-time positions. If you're looking to build your career, especially in the Middle East, Bayt.com is a go-to platform for discovering roles that fit your skills and aspirations. Be sure to explore it regularly for the latest job openings.
- **Indeed.com:** A popular portal that lists both part-time and full-time job openings. Many Murdoch University Dubai students have been able to find paid internships in their field of interest through Indeed.com.

## How to Network on LinkedIn

We frequently receive inquiries from students about how best to leverage LinkedIn for networking and job searching. LinkedIn is an essential tool for building professional connections and expanding your career opportunities. Here are some tips to help you make the most of your LinkedIn profile:

- **Complete Your Profile:** Make sure your profile is fully completed, highlighting your key skills, experiences, and education. A strong profile makes you more discoverable to employers and connections.
- **Connect with Alumni and Industry Professionals:** Reach out to alumni or professionals in industries you're interested in. Building meaningful connections can open doors to job opportunities and valuable insights.
- **Engage with Content:** Stay active by commenting on posts, sharing relevant articles, and joining industry-specific groups. This helps you stay visible and connected in your chosen field.
- **Showcase Your Skills:** Identify the skills that align with your target employers. Whether it is technical skills (e.g., programming, database design, digital marketing, or financial budgeting) or employability skills (e.g., critical thinking, communication, creative thinking and problem-solving), be sure to highlight them in your LinkedIn profile.
- **Talk About Leadership and Activities:** Include leadership roles, projects, or extracurricular activities that demonstrate your initiative and ability to contribute. Employers value well-rounded candidates who show a commitment to personal and professional growth.

## Skill Development Strategies

Building the right skillset can set you apart from other candidates. Here's how you can enhance your skills:

- **Take Online Courses:** Platforms like Coursera, edX, and Udemy offer a wide variety of free and paid courses on different topics, allowing you to learn at your own pace.
- **Join Workshops and Webinars:** Participate in industry-relevant workshops and webinars organized by the university or professional groups. These events keep you updated on the latest trends and help you build valuable connections.
- **Work on Projects:** Apply your skills by working on personal or group projects. This not only helps you gain hands-on experience but also adds value to your CV.
- **Be Aware of Opportunities:** Keep an eye out for new opportunities—whether internships, mentorship programs, or networking events. The right opportunity can often serve as a steppingstone in your career journey.





## Interns of the Month for September and October 2024

We are proud to recognize **Aastha Kurup** as the Intern of the Month for September.

As a communications professional at an agency, Aastha handles a wide range of responsibilities, including crafting press releases, building relationships with media and influencers, tracking media coverage, contributing to event planning, and generating creative ideas. The diversity of clients and industries keeps her role dynamic and engaging, allowing her to develop invaluable skills in communications and public relations.

In addition, we are excited to highlight **Sishrita Nagvekar** as the Intern of the Month for October, based on her engagement at Ambassador International Academy as School Counseling Support.

Sishrita plays a crucial role in group sessions, addressing students' social and emotional well-being. She helps implement programs that promote positive behavior, mental health, and academic success. Additionally, she is involved in organizing workshops, assemblies, and school events, while engaging in continuous professional development through workshops, case discussions, and other meetings.

Both Aastha and Sishrita exemplify the dedication and professionalism that make internships a valuable part of the student experience. Congratulations, Aastha and Sishrita and keep up your good work!

If you would like to be considered for Intern of the Month in future months, please reach out to **Uzma Shaheen**, your Employability Support Advisor, for more information.



Aastha Kurup

## Creating and Implementing Your Learning Plan with MOOCs

Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs) are a fantastic way to gain new skills at your own pace while creating a clear path for your career development. Many platforms offer certifications that you can add to your CV or LinkedIn profile, helping you stand out in a competitive job market. By planning your learning journey with MOOCs, you can target specific skills that align with your career goals, making you more attractive to potential employers.

Here are some top MOOC platforms to explore:

**coursera**

**edX**

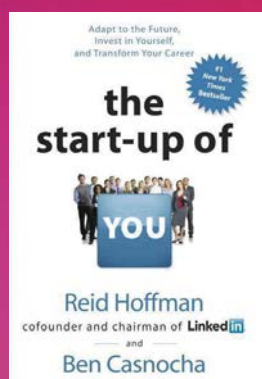
**Future Learn**

**udemy**

Explore these platforms and start building your learning plan with industry-relevant skills to enhance your employability!

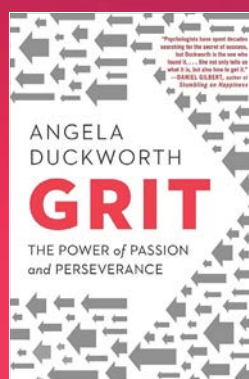
## Book Corner

This Month's Recommended Reads are:



1.  
**"The Start-up of You"**  
 by Reid Hoffman & Ben Casnocha

This book offers valuable insights into how you can take charge of your career, build your personal brand, and develop a start-up mindset to adapt and thrive in today's dynamic job market. It's a must-read for anyone looking to enhance their career prospects and embrace innovation.



2.  
**"Grit: The Power of Passion and Perseverance"** by Angela Duckworth

An excellent read that delves into the power of persistence and passion. Duckworth's research highlights how grit—more than talent or intelligence—can be the key to long-term success. A great choice for anyone looking to develop resilience and determination in their career journey.

## Employability Support For Students

Murdoch University Dubai offers a range of employability support services to help students enhance their job prospects and career readiness. Schedule a session with Uzma Shaheen to receive support in the following areas:

- **Career Counseling:** Receive personalized guidance on resume building, LinkedIn profile creation and updates, interview preparation, and career path discussions.
- **Workshops and Networking Events:** Join our employability workshops to learn about various topics such as building your digital brand, netiquette, interview tips, and much more. Networking with guest speakers provides a great opportunity to connect with industry professionals and expand your career prospects. If you would like to suggest a specific topic or area of interest for a workshop, please let us know.
- **Internships and Work Opportunities:** Take advantage of the internship opportunities posted on the Murdoch University Dubai Career Portal to gain practical experience in your field. Internships are a great way to apply your knowledge, develop new skills, and boost your employability.
- **Learning Plan:** Develop a structured learning plan that aligns with your career goals. This plan can include a combination of coursework, online learning, workshops, and skill-building activities.
- **Career Plan:** Create a long-term career plan that maps out your goals and strategies for achieving them. Career planning helps you stay focused, identify opportunities for growth, and build a successful career path. Remember, it's the small, intentional steps you take every day that help you build an excellent repertoire of skills.

## Employability Workshops

The following workshops were conducted during this trimester.

#	In-Person Workshops	Date
1	Career Workshop for Psychology Students	October 2, 2024
2	The Future Employee-Skillsets for the Next-Gen Work Environment (Guest Speaker Session)	October 3, 2024

## Inspirational Quotes



"The expert in anything was once a beginner." – **Helen Hayes**

"It's not about how bad you want it. It's about how hard you're willing to work for it." – **Anonymous**

"The beautiful thing about learning is that no one can take it away from you." – **B.B. King**

## Contact Points & Questions

Feel free to send your comments or ideas to **Jil Salhani** or **Uzma Shaheen**. Let us know how we can support you more! We love to hear from you. *Have a great rest of the Trimester*