Abstract: For most university graduates there is one thing on their mind, and that is how and where they can get their first chance of real world work experience in the field of their recently attained expertise. A corresponding challenge for numerous industries and organisations in Australia is obtaining the best and most recent skilled graduates to work for their organisations. The Careers office collectively within Western Sydney is assisting students gain the skills to prepare them for work experience in their chosen field on a daily basis. Our goal within the Student Recruitment Service team is to connect students with employment opportunities that will build on their Resume as well as provide opportunities to turn part-time work into full-time jobs on graduation. As a part of this discussion, this presentation will focus a lens on a locally based Western Sydney global telecommunications company. Using this relationship as an example, we will discover how this company is connecting with our students and recent graduates and taking an innovative approach to creating a long-term partnership with Western Sydney University.

Target Audience: Professional Staff

Take home message: Professional staff support the daily operations of assisting students to obtain their degrees, but what next? This presentation will give an insight into how the university is connecting our students and graduates with businesses throughout GWS which staff may not be aware of in daily activities.