

# Looking Ahead: Careers, Alumni Engagement & Professional Development

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# LSE Careers

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## What we will cover today

- Introduction to LSE Careers
  - Overview of our services and support available
- What career paths to European Institute graduates follow?
- What can I do before I start my studies?



## Who are LSE Careers and what do we do?

- Understand your options
- Make connections
- Find the right opportunities
- Develop key skills
- Market yourself effectively

We support current students, graduates and alumni of LSE



Careers Consultants  
Employer  
Engagement and  
Work Based  
Learning Specialists  
Student Experience  
and Operations



## How do we do that?

- centralised careers offer open to all students
- departmental careers programme specifically designed for you

# LSE Careers Offer for students

- **One to one appointments**

Any careers related topic; practice interviews;  
guidance

Specialist support for disabled students, PhDs

- **Events and workshops**

Fairs, presentations, skills sessions, panels, cafés

- **Themed 'Discover' Programmes**

- **Networking events**

Employer and Alumni talks, panel and events

- **Online resources**

LSE jobs board and specialist sites

Careers and employment information

Online tools e.g. CareerSet; shortlist.me;

Case coach; Student Circus; The Vault

- **International Programmes**

Careers in Brussels, Careers in China, Careers in US  
and Canada, Careers in India

- **Internship schemes**

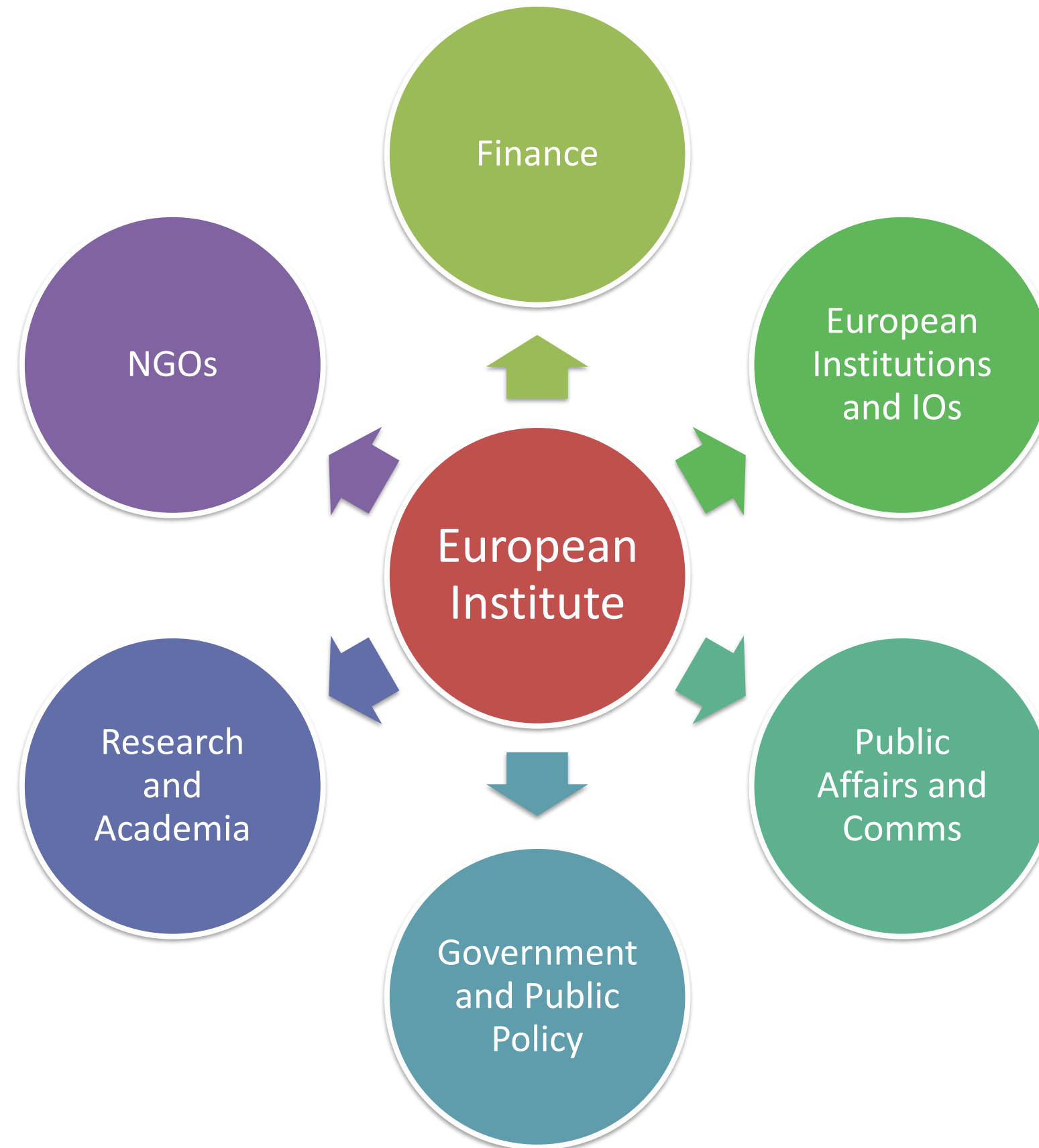
Parliamentary internships, graduate internships



## Example Programmes:

- Discover International Organisations
- Careers in Brussels  
Discover Political Risk
- Discover Careers with Social Impact
- Discover Policy

# What do LSE European Institute Graduates do?



# Careers Sessions for the European Institute - 2024



## **Talks and Workshops**

Career Planning and Job Search Strategy

Developing your Career Narrative & Networking (in a Digital Age)

Applying for the Blue Book

## **Panel Discussion**

European Commission Blue Book Traineeships

## **Appointments**

Additional Ringfenced Traineeship Application Appointments



**As well as the specialist knowledge you gain, on your programme, employers are interested in your transferrable skills.**

**Some Key Skills:**

Flexibility and adaptability

Digital and data

Social & emotional intelligence

Creativity

Love of learning

Enjoyment at work

Curiosity

Critical thinking



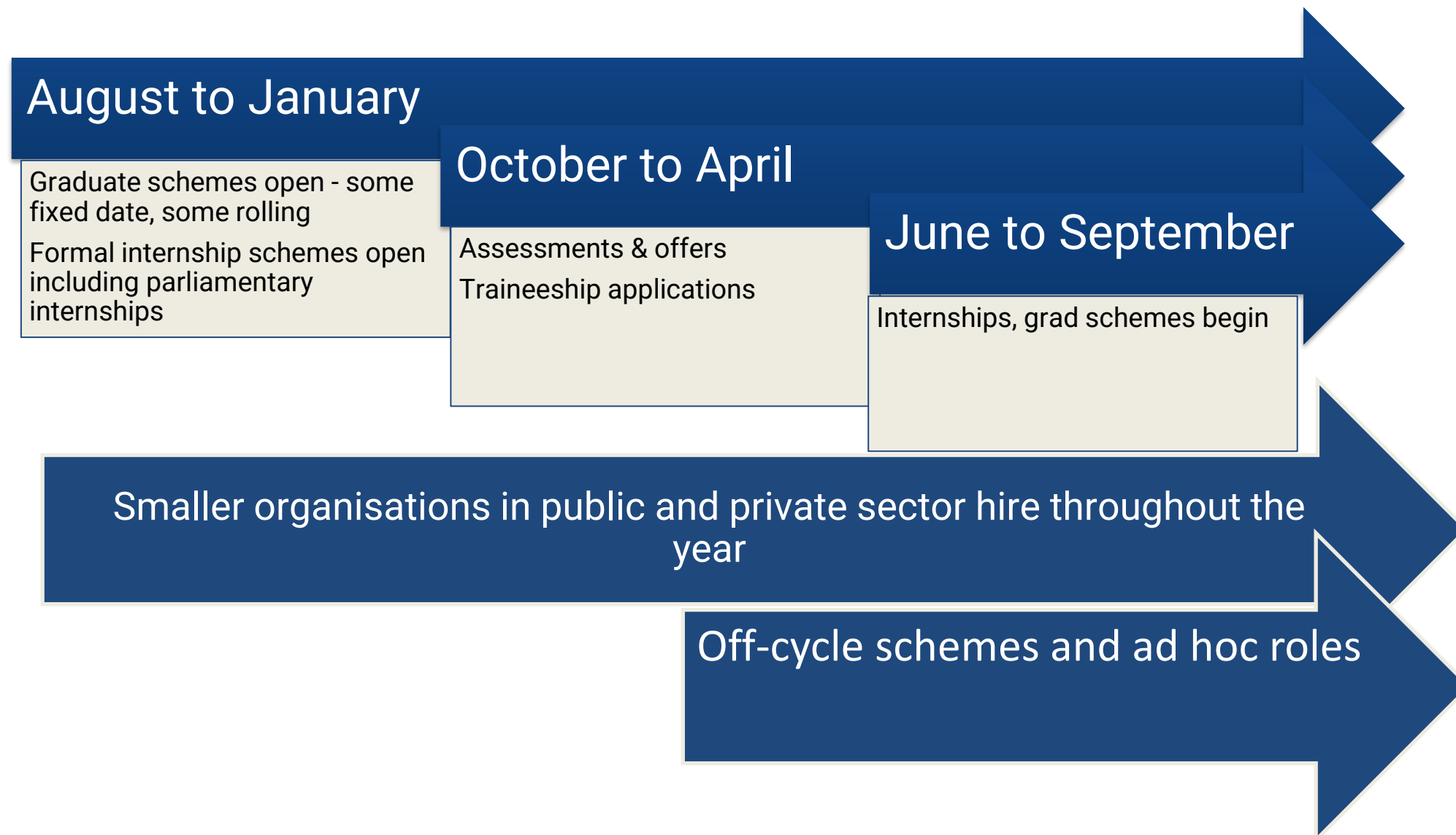
**Employers Talking Points:**

Resilience

Mental health and wellbeing

Diversity and inclusion

# Recruitment Timeframes



## **Graduate Schemes:**

Used by organisations recruiting a high number of graduates. Often these offer group training and 'rotation' programmes.

## **Graduate Jobs:**

Used by small and large orgs to recruit into a permanent role. graduates are trained by the team and their manager.

## What can I do already?

- Explore our [website](#) information
- Read our employment sector guides
- Think about possible interest areas
- Complete career registration questions
- Take inspiration from LSE European Institute alumni profiles
- Develop your self knowledge by reflecting on what motivates and interests you, any hopes and aspirations, environments you enjoy and thrive in.



# Alumni Engagement

Hannah Shearer  
*Alumni Engagement Officer, LSE  
European Institute*



- Events

- Social, Networking, Professional Development, Informative panels
- Regular sessions to bring students and alumni together

- Communications

- Termly Newsletter
- Social media presence and updates
- Alumni Profiles

- Connections

- Ad-hoc Connections
- Job Opportunities promotions
- Mentorship Programme



# Alumni Mentorship Programme

Jonah Zahnd



# Professional Development

Dr Natalie Grace  
*Student Experience and Engagement  
Coordinator, LSE European Institute*



# EU450 Engaging with Europe: Professional Skills

- Workshops run by practitioners
- Only open to European Institute students
- Certificate of Completion





## **Using Evidence to Influence (EU) Policy: Developing a Successful Pitch to Policymakers**

Dr Pierre Hausemer  
*Managing Director of VVA  
Economics & Policy in Brussels &  
Visiting Fellow at LSE*

## **Europe Contemporary Issues: An Introduction to Political Risk**

Mij Rahman  
*Managing Director, Europe at  
Eurasia Group*

## **Principles of Investment Projects with the EBRD – a toolkit**

Maria De Melo

*Principal, Energy Policy at European  
Bank for Reconstruction and  
Development*

## **Negotiating in a Multilateral Context**

Greg Garramone

*Senior Advisor UN Management  
and Reform, United States  
Department of State*



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## Next Steps

- Attend remaining Offer Holder Information Sessions:
  - » *'Student experience - meet the students!'* | 19 June, 2-3pm
- Contact us with any questions at [ei@lse.ac.uk](mailto:ei@lse.ac.uk)
- And most importantly...

**Accept  
your offer!**



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**Thank you for listening.**  
Any questions?