

## Realising Opportunities: Ask the Graduate briefing note

### Introduction

This briefing note provides information for graduates interested in taking part in the Realising Opportunities (RO) programme's 'Ask the Graduate' feature. It offers background information regarding the RO programme and outlines the 'Ask the Graduate' feature and the next steps.

### Realising Opportunities

RO is a unique collaboration of leading, research intensive universities, working together to promote fair access and social mobility of students from groups underrepresented in higher education.

RO provides support during post-16 studies to develop the skills to be successful at university. RO students benefit from increased information, advice and access to some of the country's leading research intensive universities. Students accepted on to RO follow a programme which ensures they are better equipped for university life and what research intensive universities can offer.

The wide geographic locations of the RO universities offer students increased geographical mobility around England. The RO Partner universities are displayed below on the map.



**The programme**

Students take part in a programme of activity through years 12 and 13 at school/college. The programme is designed to support students through their studies and UCAS applications and allow them to demonstrate their potential. [Click here for more details about the benefits of the programme.](#)

**Ask the Graduate**

'Ask the Graduate' is a feature on the RO blog which allows students to post questions to a graduate. Graduates are professionals who have careers, current roles and experiences that the students will be interested in and aspire to. A short article about the graduate's role in the style of 'A day in the life of...' article is posted onto our website for a fixed timeframe. Questions are invited from RO students and collated by the RO central team. Questions are then passed in a batch to the graduate who provides written answers. These answers are posted back on to the website for students to view. A graduate may choose to set a maximum number of questions that they will be available to answer. We would ask that graduates supply an article that is relevant for an audience for 16-18 year olds and gives an insight into the range of duties involved in their role.

**Further information**

Any further information required is available from the RO Central Team, [info@realisingopportunities.ac.uk](mailto:info@realisingopportunities.ac.uk)