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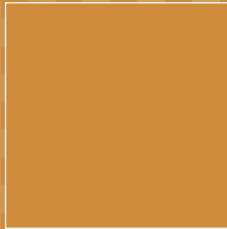
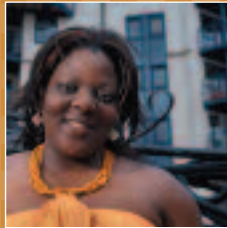
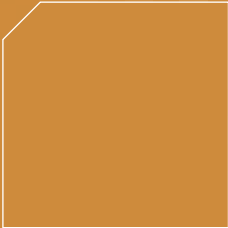
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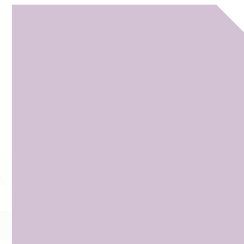
Foreword

Get on course

Surveying offers an amazing and diverse career. Both challenging and rewarding, it offers flexibility, variety and an opportunity to work and travel throughout the world. Chartered Surveyors work in over 120 countries worldwide, working in many types of organisations from multinational companies to private practices.

A world of opportunity

As a surveyor you will understand how the built and natural environment work and the impact they have on people, businesses, governments and economies around the world. You may work for an investment bank in London or a global consultancy in Sydney, arbitrate in a multi-million euro dispute about rents or develop a social housing programme for the local community. The range and scope of activities is limitless.



The financial rewards can be considerable. Surveyors in the UK are the best paid graduate professionals three years after leaving university with an average annual income of £24 000*. Professionals working in the property sector reported an average salary of £44 839** with the average bonus being £6 721** and representing 15% of average salary.

One outstanding qualification

Qualifying as a Chartered Surveyor is demanding and rewarding. It is rewarding because the RICS qualification has a high status in the eyes of employers worldwide. It is demanding as the first step to becoming a Chartered Surveyor is to apply to a university or college and study for a degree or diploma with RICS accreditation. The RICS qualification is increasingly attracting well-qualified candidates seeking entry to higher education.

The universities and colleges profiled in this prospectus offer a wide range of accredited courses. The prospectus includes a detailed list of these courses with essential data to enable an informed choice to be made.

This prospectus is designed to help you select the right course. It is also intended to assist those who are in an advisory role, such as teachers, careers advisors or parents. It provides a valuable source of information to employers wishing to recruit suitably qualified graduates.

You may wish to visit **www.rics.org/courses** or speak to the RICS Contact Centre via **contactrics@rics.org** or **+44 (0)870 333 1600** for up-to-the-minute course information as well as more general guidance. For more information on the benefits of a career in surveying and RICS membership visit **www.rics.org/university**. The future of the profession lies with its new members. Follow a career as a Chartered Surveyor and challenge, excitement and international opportunity await you.

Dr Rob Tovey,
Director of Education and Training, RICS

* Source: The Royal Bank of Scotland Graduate Satisfaction Report 2005

** Source: The 2006 RICS and Macdonald & Company Salary and Benefits Survey



What is surveying?

Fiona Irving, 27, has just graduated from a degree in Property Management and Valuation at Glasgow Caledonian University, UK

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Fiona looks forward to being in the public eye

Fiona Irving, 27, has just graduated from a degree in Property Management and Valuation at Glasgow Caledonian University, UK. We met up with her and asked her about life studying an RICS accredited degree course at university...

Have you enjoyed your course?

Absolutely, it has exceeded my expectations. I've learnt loads and participated in great things like a week's trip to Toronto in Canada. A number of students from my course went over there to see how surveyors plan and develop in another country. We met Canadian property consultants, including some from Jones Lang LaSalle, which was really informative. The social side was also excellent and my credit card took a hit!

You started university at 23, why did you decide to go back to studying?

I left school at 17 and started work for Miller Civil Engineering and then progressed to work for Miller Homes in administration. I worked alongside qualified planners and they encouraged me to follow them and get a career as a Chartered Surveyor.

So what next steps did you take?

I did a HND at the Glasgow Metropolitan College (previously the Glasgow College of Building and Printing), which allowed me a direct entry into the second year of my degree course at Glasgow Caledonian.

I understand that you've also completed a work placement as part of your degree?

That's right, I spent part of my third year with Defence Estates, an agency of the Ministry of Defence (MOD) in Rosyth, Fife. I had a brilliant time and working for Defence Estates confirmed that I enjoyed working within the public sector.

I visited various navy bases and was also able to observe one of the largest parachute drops since the early 1990s, which was an amazing sight. On top of that, I got paid well and met some first class people during my time there.

What's next for you after graduation, Fiona?

I managed to get eight months of my APC completed at Defence Estates. My short-term priority is to get a job and then get the MRICS letters after my name. Most likely, I'll do this in Scotland and then look to get some experience of living and working somewhere entirely different.

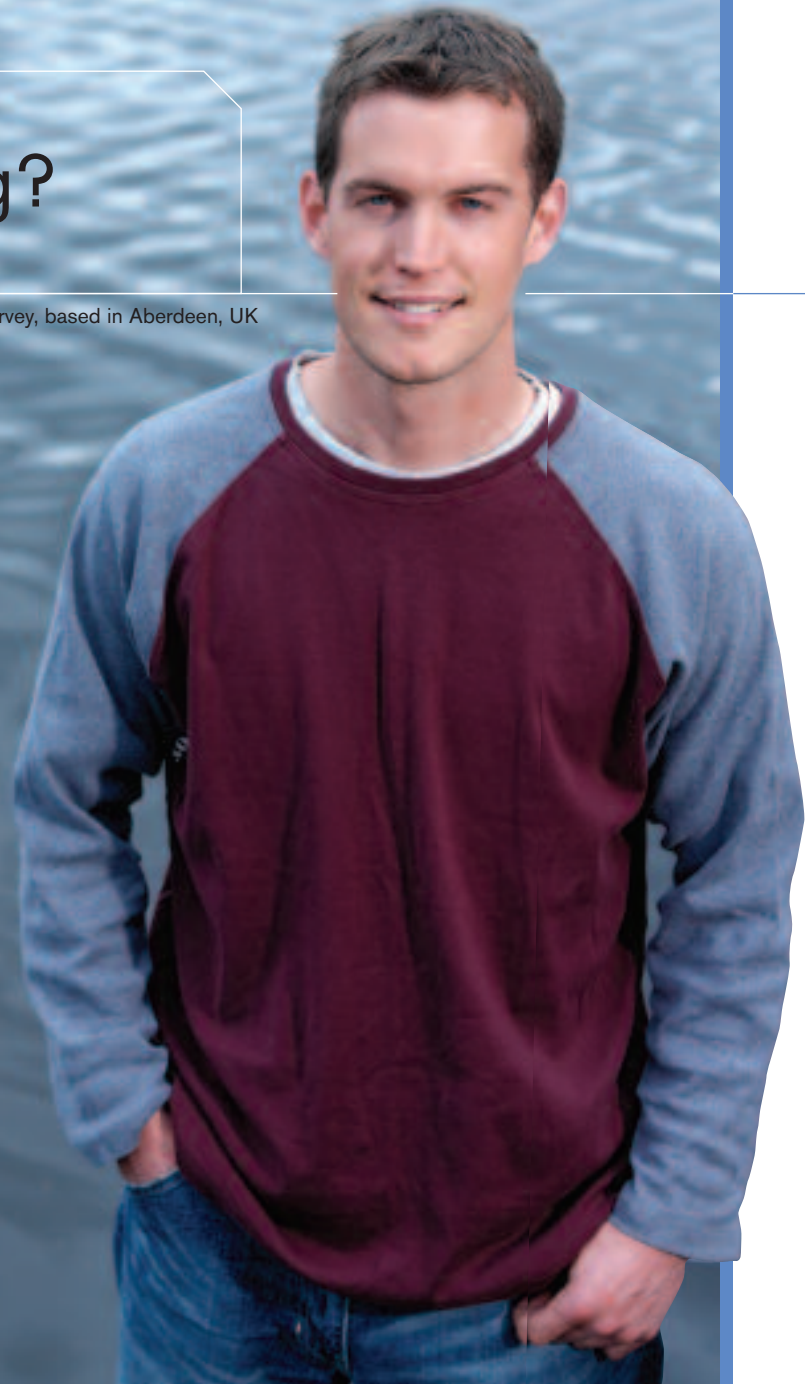
I'd like to work within the public sector again. Working for someone like the MOD or a local council means that you can directly improve services for people. I think it will also allow me to feel good about what I'm doing for a living. Obviously, I'll also want to make as much money as I can for myself!



What is surveying?

Andy Dare, 29, is a senior hydrographic surveyor with Andrews Survey, based in Aberdeen, UK

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Andy's career isn't all at sea

Andy Dare, 29, is a senior hydrographic surveyor with Andrews Survey in Aberdeen, UK. Andy's work can involve the positioning of offshore windfarms, underwater vehicles (ROVs) and drilling rigs...

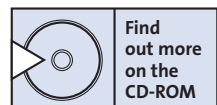
So take us through a typical day, Andy

When I'm out on site I can do a twelve-hour shift that could be 9 in the morning until 9 at night. My day is spent doing a range of things from meetings, monitoring online data capture, offline processing of ROV sensors and generally dealing with client requirements. I've just spent three months in our Aberdeen office working on sales and marketing. Before that I spent four weeks at sea in the Arctic Circle laying and burying cable with a large trenching ROV.

Your work sounds really varied, what types of skills do you need to be a good hydrographic surveyor?

You need to have an eye for detail. Much of the work that I do is known as geomatics. Geomatics is essentially where geography meets with the built environment. Our work is completed using CAD (Computer Aided Design) packages. I have become quite an expert in using this type of software. If you like using IT and would like the chance to change the shape of the built environment, surveying could well be for you.

You also need to be able to work in different situations. For example, you need to be able to contribute as part of a team so you need to like people. On the other hand, sometimes you work alone. You become your own boss and you are fully responsible for your own work... you can't blame anyone if it goes wrong!



So what does your job involve, Andy?

I'm responsible for providing survey solutions for surface and subsea positioning. We supply our clients with navigation screens so they can pin-point, dive and orientate themselves around the seafloor or subsea structures.

What's the best thing about surveying?

Not having a 9 to 5 job and the opportunity to travel. I can jump on a plane at the drop of a hat and that is the unpredictability that keeps things interesting. Working with Andrews Survey over the past eight years has involved surveying projects around the world. Although the majority of our work involves travelling around Europe I've also been to the Caribbean, West Africa, the Middle East and the Far East.

Any highlights?

Singapore. We went there for four weeks to do a pipeline inspection so I spent my time at sea checking for damage. We travelled the length of the pipeline videoing it and doing real time commentary. Singapore as a place was great, very clean and the people were very friendly. I also went to South Korea in preparation for the 2002 Football World Cup. We had to survey a telecommunications cable on the seabed between China and Korea.

What are your career ambitions?

My future ambitions include becoming an RICS member. RICS has members in over 120 countries and this is a great aspect of being a Chartered Surveyor. When I work in different countries, I know my qualification will be recognised in a large number of them.

What is surveying?

Yvonne Murphy MRICS, 24, a graduate surveyor with Jones Lang La Salle in Budapest, Hungary

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Yvonne enjoys her European tour

What is unique about Yvonne Murphy MRICS, 24, a graduate surveyor with Jones Lang La Salle in Budapest, Hungary? It is probably that after spending her entire school and university life in the UK, Yvonne has never worked a single day there!

We telephoned Yvonne and asked about her current job in JLL's Budapest office...

What have you been up to today, Yvonne?

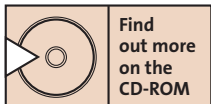
I've been on the phone this morning so you're lucky to have got through to me! All of the key players in the Eastern European market are international companies and not normally based here in Hungary so meetings, emails and phone calls are the way I do business. I do try to get out and about as much as possible but the office thermometer is reading -1°C so I will jump at any chance to stay indoors!

Take us back to the beginning and tell us what first got you interested in surveying?

I worked at a finance house during college and I was jealous that all the surveyors there were always out of the office looking at properties and attending meetings. I then went on to Nottingham Trent University to study Planning & Development.

And your degree led you to begin your travels didn't it?

That's right. I spent my third year working for Jones Lang LaSalle in Prague. Going out there as a 20 year old was a real test of character. The market was dynamic, the City was beautiful and the beer was cheap! The year I spent with Jones Lang La Salle in Prague allowed me to decide that I would always work internationally if possible.



What do you enjoy most about your career in surveying?

I love the fact that every day presents new and interesting challenges and I can honestly say that I have never been bored. I meet many new people and explore new environments. After the day's adventures I come back to base and play with spreadsheets and write reports. The balance between technical and professional work is very important for me.

And what is life like in Budapest?

Budapest is pretty wild and the weather is extreme! It can reach 40°C in the summer and -15°C in the winter, so conducting property viewings can be quite a challenge!

Of course being away from home can be tough sometimes. I spend a few hours a week trying to learn Hungarian which is certainly a challenge as it ranks as one of the most difficult languages in the world.

As a newly qualified Chartered Surveyor, what does RICS mean to you?

For me RICS is a benchmark of quality, and an assurance of service. When investors come from the West into Central Europe they are faced with a minefield of real estate service providers, agents and brokers. RICS is a household name in the investment community and the market knows what to expect from its members. With so few Chartered Surveyors operating in this part of the world I am very proud to have the MRICS letters after my name.

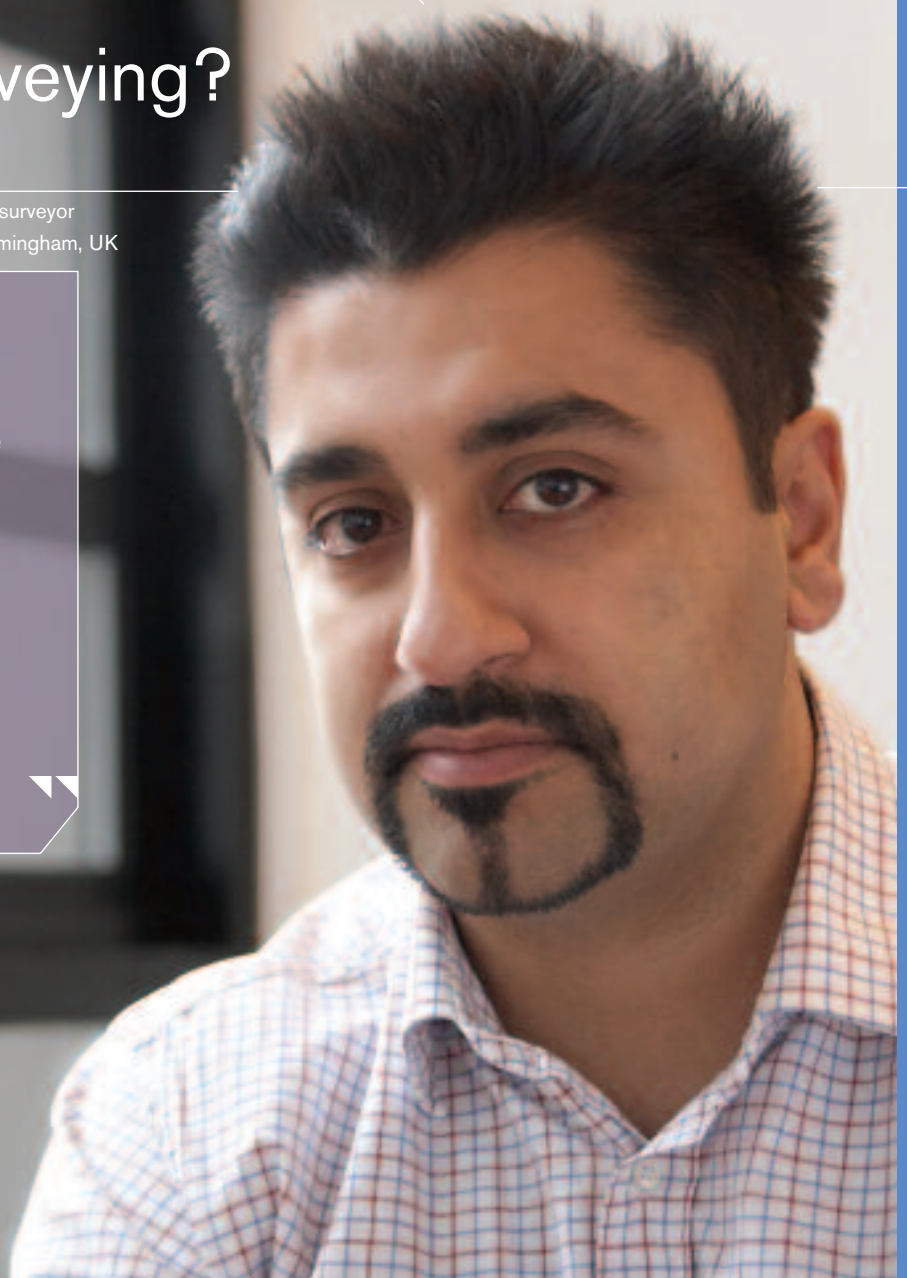
What are your future career ambitions?

I can see myself staying in Hungary for at least another year as I feel I have laid good foundations here. I would like to work in the Baltic countries moving into Russia and eventually Asia. Having worked primarily on the service side of the industry, I would like to try my hand on the client side and maybe even the developer side.

What is surveying?

John Raiye MRICS, 31, is a chartered quantity surveyor with his own business, IKOS Investments in Birmingham, UK

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John grows £5 000 to £250 000

John Raiye MRICS, 31, is a chartered quantity surveyor with his own business, IKOS Investments. John lives in Birmingham, UK and his company offers property investment opportunities in emerging European economies.

So how does your business work?

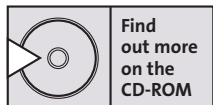
I am primarily an investor and developer in residential property. We are currently most active in Eastern Europe in countries like Latvia, Bulgaria and Hungary. I look for individuals with money to invest. Then I form companies with them, which enable us to purchase property and start investing. I then manage the rest of the process dealing with all matters from purchase to renovation to the sale.

What got you interested in surveying?

I wanted to work in finance and surveying allowed me to do this in a practical way. I studied at Kingston University and then got chartered status while working at AYH in London, and developed further grounding in property development and project management whilst at AMEC Developments in Manchester.

So how did the transition from quantity surveying to property development happen?

Well I bought a place in Salford using about £5 000 of personal savings. I was 26 at the time and I bought it for £50 000, renovated it, rented it for a while and then sold it for £106 000. At this stage it was just a hobby and a chance to make a bit of money on top of my salary. After repeating the process a few times I realised I could do it all myself and make a living from it. This is essentially how my business was born.



How successful has the business been?

Very. I've grown my initial £5 000 to about £250 000 in four years. I started off in the UK and built a small portfolio of investment properties. I then started focusing on the emerging European property markets. Riga has produced some excellent returns over the past year and we are currently renovating properties in Budapest and Sofia.

What do you enjoy most about being your own boss?

I love the independence I have and being able to make my own decisions.

How much travel is involved in your job?

Quite a bit. I took seven flights last year to inspect properties and register companies in Riga, Budapest and Sofia. I usually take these flights at the weekend and as such, I don't really have a typical routine. Another great aspect of having my own business investments is the lifestyle. I have a busy working life but I can still do the things I want to do like playing football with my friends.

What does RICS mean to you?

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What are your future career ambitions?

I want to grow my own investment interests in other markets. I am currently looking at Bucharest in Romania and Bratislava in Slovakia.

I have also started looking at residential development projects within the UK with a private property investor. The market is tougher in the UK but we are sticking with the basic formula - pay the right price, create the right product, formulate a good marketing plan and sell at the right price!

What do surveyors do?

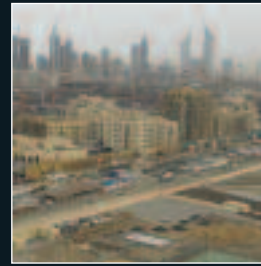
Dubai Marina Phase 1 – Dubai, United Arab Emirates

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The Marina is now one of Dubai's many landmarks.



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Dubai Marina Phase 1

When Emaar Properties PJSC commissioned EC Harris to project manage its Dubai Marina Phase 1 in December 2000, it was the first significant residential development in Dubai and, coincidentally, paved the way for the subsequent construction boom. The project comprises over 1000 apartments, with villas, retail units, restaurants and leisure and daycare facilities.

EC Harris worked closely with Emaar and the contractor to ensure on time delivery - the development opened in 2004 – and within budget. Sudath Jayatilake MRICS, 36 who has recently qualified as a Chartered Surveyor, worked on the project as a contract administrator. "I joined the Dubai Marina Phase 1 team in March 2002. This was the first project that I had been involved with in delivering Project Management services.

Working on the Dubai Marina project was a great opportunity for me as it was the largest residential development being constructed at that time in the Dubai market and Emaar, the client, is the leading developer in this region.

Among other duties, I was directly involved in managing change on the project using a cost and document control system. I really enjoyed this new challenge and learned many new skills as it was completely different from traditional quantity surveying delivery.

The experience and exposure I gained by working on the Dubai Marina project has been the basis for the continuous development of my career, both professionally and within EC Harris. The project was also the basis for me in obtaining my RICS qualification and now, most recently, having become an Assistant Commercial Manager on another major Emaar residential project called The Residences."

Dubai Marina was built adjacent to a man-made marina, also constructed by Emaar, which extends for four kilometres. Dubai Marina, at the time, was Emaar's flagship development in Dubai. The project was undertaken by an international joint venture contractor and encompassed over thirty nominated suppliers and subcontractors. The completed project is now one of Dubai's many landmarks.

Two other projects currently being managed by EC Harris for Emaar Properties include Residences Phase 1 and the Old Town Development.

Why choose surveying?

Erik Kodjie MRICS, 29, is a Chartered Surveyor with Balfour Beatty

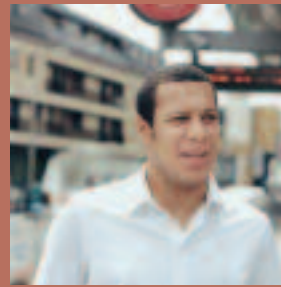
▶ I hope to be able to apply all the skills and knowledge that I have learnt - and continue to learn - and be able to work in a number of challenging and complex environments that will eventually enable me to manage major engineering projects all around the world.

“To succeed, graduates need good communication skills. They also need a general understanding of economics and business and to be versatile. I went into property for the variation and good prospects.”

Jean Godbert FRICS, 53,
National Director with
Jones Lang La Salle in Manchester, UK

“I’m ambitious but I’m in the right place to learn fast and obtain my goals. The learning curve in a leading property market like New York is steep and I intend to make the most of it.”

Sam Tamblyn, MRICS, 28,
is an Acquisitions Analyst with Kimco
Realty Corporation in New York, USA



A graduate without a surveying degree? Not a problem...

If you've already completed a first degree and are now considering how to use the skills you've developed for a practical purpose and a rewarding career, then don't just think law or accountancy. If you are interested in land, property or the built environment, attracted by the idea of gaining professional qualifications and motivated by working in business, then a career in surveying may well meet all your job requirements... and hopefully exceed them.

The surveying profession wants you...

Whatever your first degree, the profession is keen to hear from you. Whether you've studied maths, business studies, geography or any other degree, the profession is interested in attracting graduates without a property or surveying-related degree because it values your skills, knowledge and alternative perspective. If you're a good communicator and possess excellent business acumen, then you'll be highly sought after by the surveying profession.

“As a member of a long established and reputable professional organisation like the RICS, you are easily recognised as a construction or property professional worldwide.”

Chua Siow Leng FRICS, 55,
is an Executive Director with WCT
in Selangor Darul Ehsan, Malaysia

Courses on offer

Converting to a career in surveying doesn't mean going back to do another full undergraduate degree. It simply means completing an intensive postgraduate conversion course. The course must comprise 1 800 study hours (180 UK credits) such as a Masters course. Universities can give up to 600 study hours (60 UK credits) for cognate learning on a previous higher education course.

These courses are often combined with work for an employer - some of which are able to sponsor students on the course. Graduates are then able to divide time between work and study, translating theory into practice as they proceed. Study is intensive and requires a great deal of commitment and energy but most students agree it's an extremely worthwhile and enjoyable experience.

Many institutions running these courses place great emphasis on the practical as well as the theoretical aspects of surveying. It's also important to check that the conversion course you choose is accredited by RICS so that your progression to professional status is assured.

Find out more

If you are unsure which specialty area of surveying to pursue, then arranging work experience with relevant companies in your area could help give you a proper feel for life as a surveyor.

Check out www.rics.org/university to find out about the variety of work available across the broad spectrum of land, property and the built environment. Also available are insightful case studies from current students as well as recently qualified Chartered Surveyors.



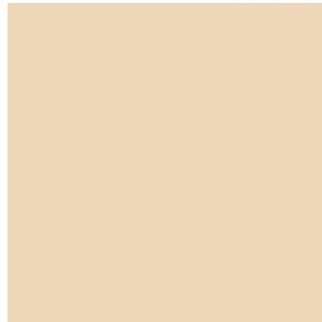
What is RICS?

RICS, put simply, is the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors. RICS is the leading source of knowledge on land, property and the built environment.

We support 120 000 members worldwide, promote best practice, represent consumers' interests and provide impartial advice to society, businesses, governments and global organisations.

To ensure that we achieve these objectives it is vital that we continue to attract the highest calibre of students onto our degree courses and then support you throughout your time at university. After all, you represent the lifeblood of the surveying profession and therefore its future.

To find out more about the benefits of RICS membership, visit www.rics.org/careers



Studying just got easier...

Every year, thousands of students discover how much easier it is to study for their surveying degree once they become RICS student members. This isn't entirely surprising when you consider that we provide a range of dedicated services, which enable students to borrow books and gain access to information that isn't available in the public domain.

This will make your life easier when it comes to studying or researching assignments. We'll help you to get better grades – while helping you to spend less time searching for the information that you need.

Student membership is free.

To start making your life easier, check out **www.rics.org/student_membership** for full details and an online application form.



Tania Gibson, 21, a Property with Bachelor of Commerce student at the University of Auckland, New Zealand

▶▶ **As a student member of RICS I can log on to the RICS website and get online access to articles, industry reports and research. This is really useful when I'm searching for information that will help me with my studies.**

Institution profiles

The following profile pages have been submitted by individual universities and colleges. Information is included about each academic institution with its contact details. Both accredited and non-accredited courses are profiled. Students are advised to clarify the current status of any course prior to enrolment by contacting the RICS Contact Centre via contactrics@rics.org or +44 (0)870 333 1600 or by visiting www.rics.org/courses

Neil Clubbs MRICS, 26, is a senior building surveyor with EC Harris in Newcastle, UK

▶ The great thing about surveying is that you can travel as far as your company's projects extend. ▶

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