



# The FDM Master Class Experience

*A pioneering programme combining  
an MSc with commercial IT experience*





## University of Brighton

### University of Brighton facts

- Proven track record of innovative delivery of professionally focused education
- Over 600 students graduated with a Masters degree this year
- Awarded five National Teaching Fellowships, recognising their excellent teaching methods
- Achieved the highest possible score from the Quality Assurance Agency reviewing standards in higher education
- Over 88% of graduates, postgraduates and diplomates continued into employment or further study and training

**Gain a fully-funded MSc in Applied Computer Science from the University of Brighton\* whilst working at FDM**

\*Distance learning



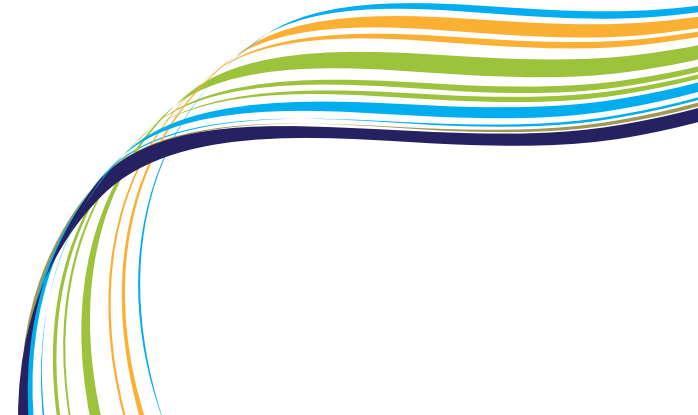
FDM Academy is a unique post-graduate fast-track centre, responsible for launching the IT careers of over 2500 individuals to date. As a market leader, FDM Group continues to grow and expand, whilst the FDM Academy tailors its post-graduate programme year-on-year, in line with current technological trends.

FDM's award-winning Master Class Programme bridges the gap between university and employment, equipping aspiring IT Consultants with the right combination of technical skills and commercial expertise. This innovative programme enables graduates to undertake a distance-learning MSc in Applied Computer Science from the University of Brighton whilst gaining industry experience with FDM clients, eradicating the catch-22 scenario once and for all. Furthermore, the MSc is fully funded by FDM ensuring successful candidates don't incur any more debts.

Due to the effectiveness of the fast-track scheme, the programme has become highly competitive, with only the best individuals gaining entry to the FDM Master Class Programme.



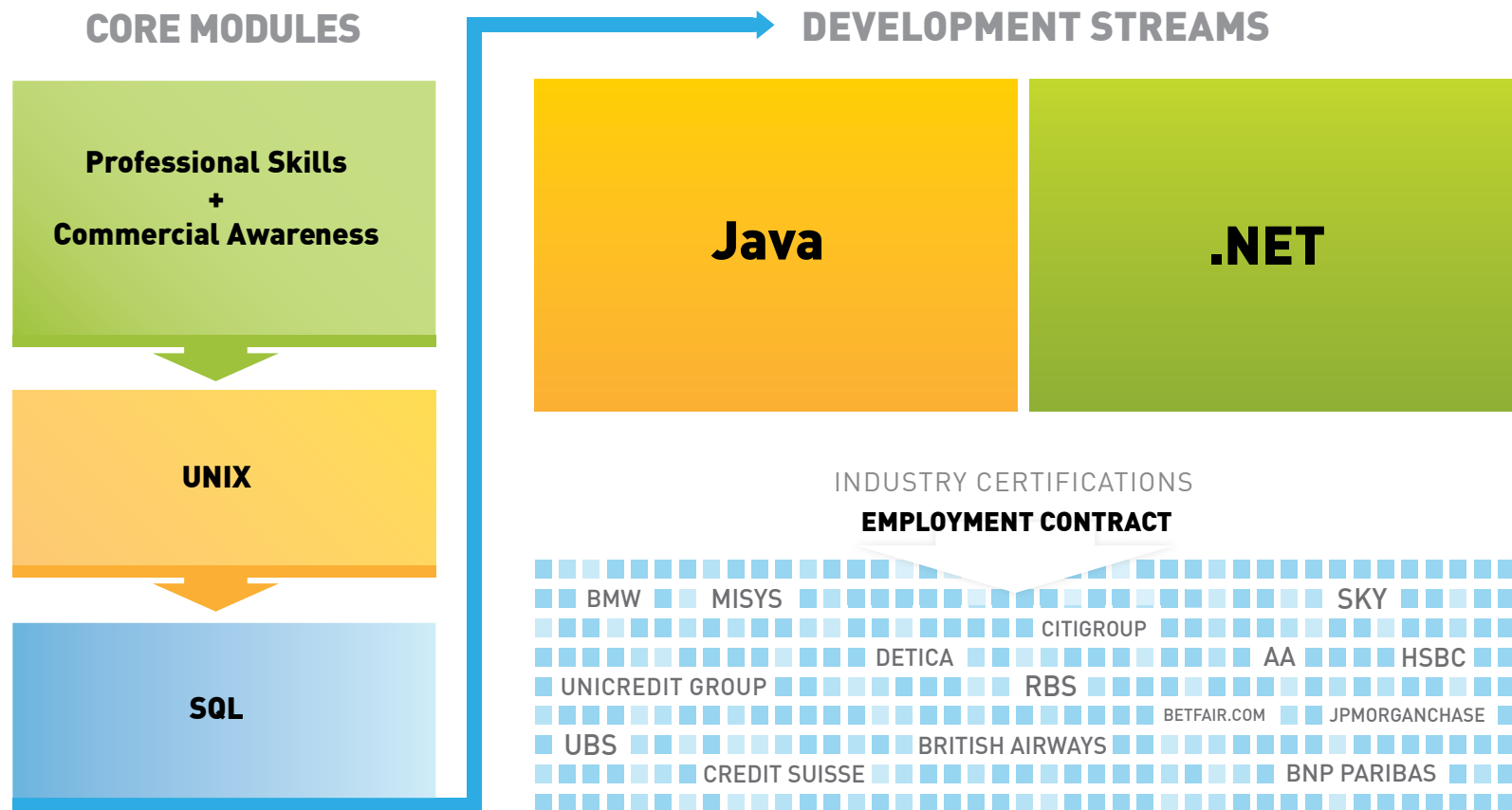
Guardian 300 - The Guardian UK 300 lists the most popular graduate employers in 2012  
The Learning Awards - Training Department of the Year 2012 (Bronze)  
The Job Crowd - Top 50 Companies For Graduates To Work For 2011 (9th)  
UK IT Industry Awards - IT Supplier of the Year 2011 (Medallist)  
Europe's 500 - Fastest Growing Companies 2010 (11th)



# The FDM Master Class Programme

*A unique graduate scheme combining an MSc with commercial experience*

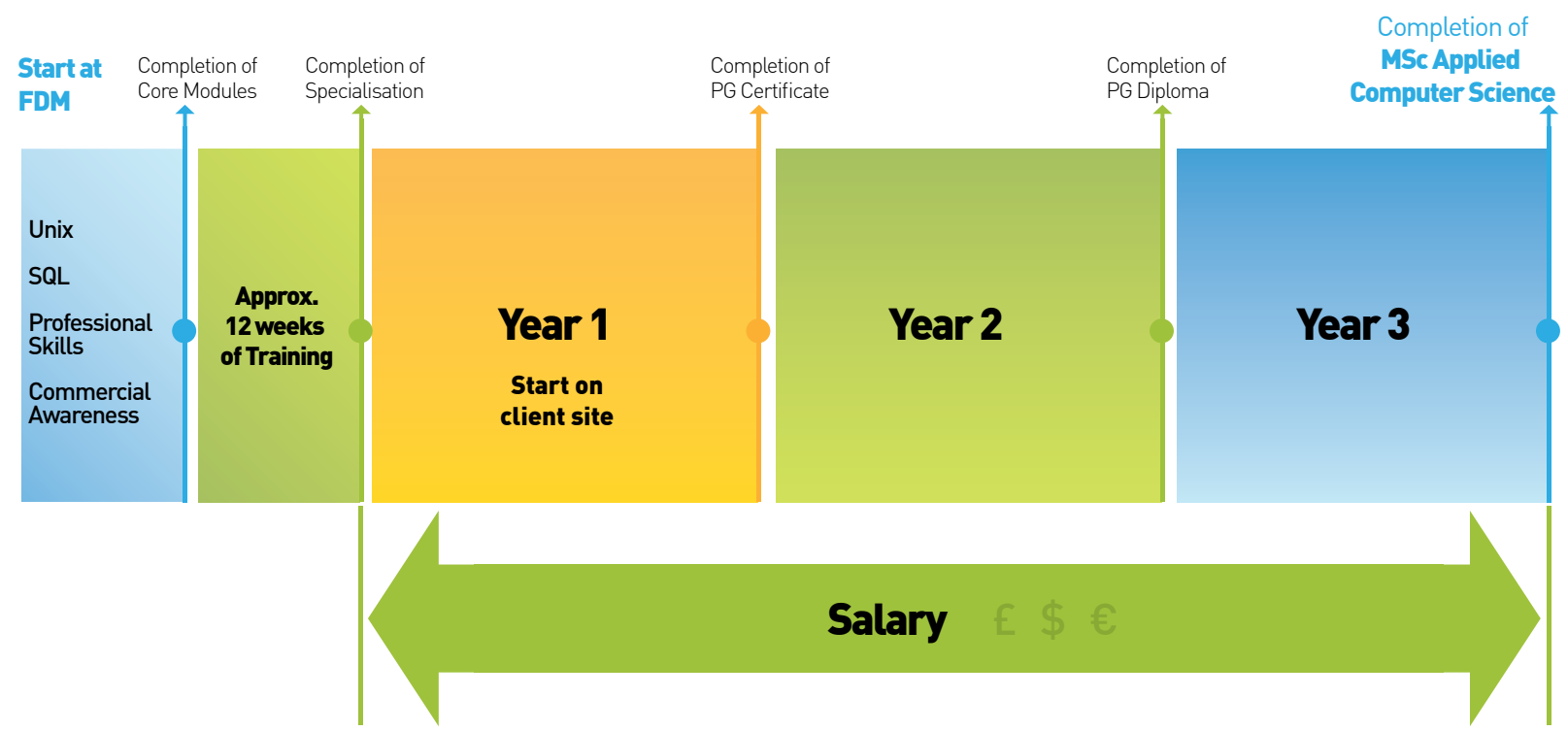
Due to our impressive credentials and track record of success, we have high expectations right from the start. All successful applicants will embark on the Academy Programme. Those that FDM find suitable will be offered a place on the FDM Master Class Programme, which integrates an MSc in Applied Computer Science, funded by FDM.



# A roadmap to success

*Your journey starts here*

The timeline below is an illustration of your journey through the Master Class Programme. The MSc in Applied Computer Science will be undertaken part-time, which involves writing a project dissertation while you work at FDM full-time. Therefore, each stage (PG Certificate → PG Diploma → MSc) could take up to one year to complete. This 3-year scheme is designed to equip you with qualifications and commercial experience, enabling fast-track career progression into the IT industry.



# A track record of success

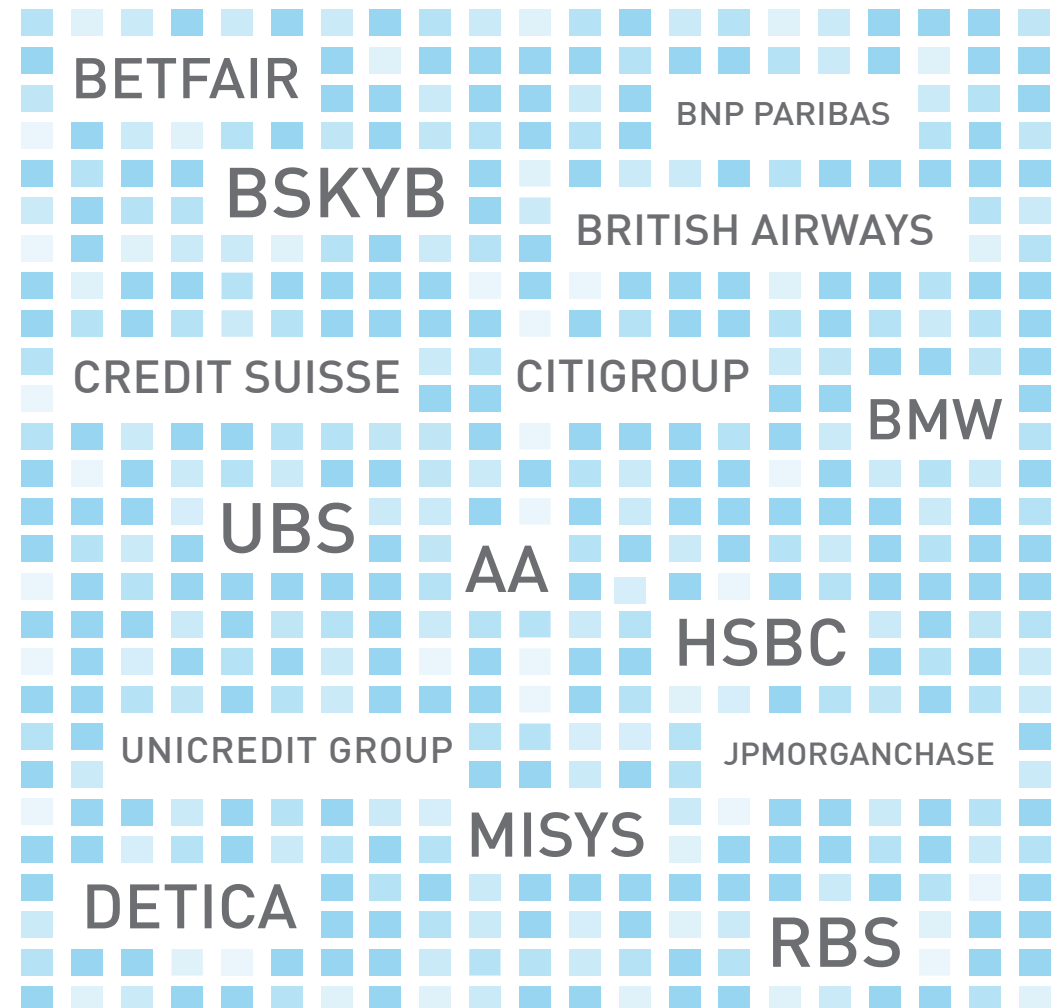
*Exceptional IT Consultants delivering results that matter*

FDM has over 200 prestigious clients worldwide, including many of the FTSE leading companies. Loyalty is a common factor amongst our clients, many of which have worked with FDM for over a decade.

As a direct result of the FDM Master Class Programme, our IT Consultants are highly regarded by FDM clients. Their broad-ranging expertise, combined with the quality and efficiency of our service has enabled FDM to build a reputation of excellence throughout its history.

Today, FDM plays a vital role in servicing clients in various sectors, including: financial services, media, retail, insurance, transport and logistics, telecommunications and system integrators.

Some of our clients include: Virgin Media, HSBC, BBC Worldwide, John Lewis, Lloyds of London, RBS, British Airways, Detica, UBS, Betfair, BSKyB, BMW, BNP Paribas, The AA, QBE, Goldman Sachs, AXA Swiftcover, B&Q, Lloyds Pharmacy, Misys, Credit Suisse, Citigroup and Commerzbank...





“ I have received nothing but quality Consultants and very often recommend FDM as a result of my experience. ”

Development Team Leader  
**Credit Suisse**

“ I’m looking forward to extending our relationship and would be pleased to talk to any of your clients about how effectively your consultants have performed. ”

Test Manager  
**The AA**

“ The calibre of people I have in my team from FDM are of a very high standard. ”

Production Support Manager  
**HSBC**

# The FDM Master Class advantage

*Award-winning company, award-winning people*

Many IT and numerical science graduates seek further academic qualifications to advance in their field. However, this has to go hand in hand with commercial experience in order to be effective. First class training coupled with invaluable experience results in success.

## The Benefits: of the programme

- Fully funded by FDM
- Quality training & certification
- Invaluable experience with prestigious clients
- Opportunity for international travel
- Fast-track career progression
- Award-winning company

## The Benefits: of acquiring an MSc

- Standing out from graduates who have a bachelor degree
- Benefiting from specialisation in the field
- The opportunity to earn a higher salary post graduation
- An advantage over others when competing for the same job
- An additional qualification to add to your CV


## Career Opportunities

After the three-year programme, the sky is your limit. You will have priceless commercial experience, an MSc in Applied Computer Science and a first class CV.

Some of your options include:

- Becoming a Senior Technical Consultant or Trainer at FDM
- Progressing into management at FDM
- Freelancing/contracting
- Securing a permanent job with a FTSE 100 company





At the age of 26 I'm Sun Certified, have two years commercial experience at one of the world's largest banks and I am now working in Munich, earning more money than I thought I would retire on. This would never have happened without FDM.

**M. Kent, Java Developer**

The training is thorough and the commercial experience is invaluable. FDM has given me the confidence and the drive to achieve my goal. I've always wanted to work for a blue-chip organisation and now find myself at RBS in New York.

**G. Topley, Application Support Analyst**

If someone has an interest in building a career in IT but doesn't know where to start, I would suggest FDM. They helped me to kick-start my career as a professional software tester and I've already gained experience working for two of their blue-chip clients.

**N. Hamayun, Test Analyst**

# Further details & requirements

*We select the best individuals to be a part of our success*

## Enrolment Date

Ongoing (monthly intake).

## Entry Requirements

In order to join the FDM Master Class Programme, you must fulfill the following criteria:

- Achieved a 2:1 degree or above (or have equivalent work experience)
- Commit to work for FDM during the 3-year programme
- Legitimately entitled to work in the EU or USA
- Geographically flexible
- Have knowledge or practical experience in IT

① **Please note** - all successful candidates join the 2-year Academy Programme prior to being selected for the Master Class Programme (additional 1 year). Only those we believe are capable of fulfilling the requirements of the MSc will receive the opportunity to embark on the advanced programme.

## Duration

- Academy Programme (2 years)
- Master Class Programme (1 additional year)

## Training Centres

The training will take place in Brighton, London, Manchester, Frankfurt or New York.

## How to apply

Email your CV directly to [apply@fdmacademy.com](mailto:apply@fdmacademy.com)  
or apply online via  
[www.fdmacademy.com](http://www.fdmacademy.com)

## Contact us

If you have any queries about the Master Class Programme, please contact one of our Academy Consultants on **0800 612 2086**.

# Support available

*Resources to help you succeed*

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MAIN LIBRARY



VISITORS CENTRE  
PETER FROGGATT CENTRE



ADMINISTRATION BUILDING  
SEAMUS HEANEY LIBRARY



## **FDM**

- Seminars and workshops
- Mentoring and personal guidance
- Regular feedback on progress
- Access to HR for non-academic concerns
- Career guidance

## **University of Brighton**

- Access to student facilities
- Access to university library and electronic learning resources
- Supervision of dissertation
- NUS Card

# University of Brighton alumni

*Follow the footsteps of other FDMers worldwide*

By undertaking an MSc from the University of Brighton in association with FDM, you will be following the path of many other employees, who have succeeded in a wide range of careers after graduating. Here are a few of the University of Brighton's most notable alumni, currently working at FDM.



**Rod Flavell**  
**Chief Executive Officer**

Rod graduated with a BSc in Human Biology and founded FDM Group in 1991. Born and bred in Brighton, FDM is now an international company with offices in Europe, USA and Asia.



**Lee Spencer**  
**UK Finance Manager**

Lee completed a BA in Business and Finance. He joined FDM in 2010 as a fully qualified Accountant, with over six years of experience post graduation.



**Sheila Flavell**  
**Chief Operating Officer**

Sheila graduated with an MA and MBA in Marketing. She joined FDM in 1998 and has been fundamental to the success and development of the FDM Academy, as well as initiating the MSc Programme.



**Kate Robson**  
**Training Delivery Manager**

Kate completed a BA in Information Studies. She joined FDM in 1995 at a junior level and quickly progressed to lead the training division in 2002.



**Angus Malcolm**  
**Head of Infrastructure**

Angus undertook a BA in Computing and Information systems. He joined FDM in 2008 with a wealth of experience in both the private and public sector. Angus has been instrumental in setting up FDM's infrastructure offering.



**Nabila Salem**  
**Marketing Manager**

Nabila achieved a BA in Marketing. She joined FDM shortly after graduating and now leads the growing marketing division. In 2009, Nabila was awarded 'Employee of the Year'.



Commercial experience combined with a MSc in Applied Computer Science from the University of Brighton can only be described as a recipe for success. Successful applicants will be given the opportunity to complete a fully-funded MSc whilst earning a competitive salary!

**Sheila Flavell, Chief Operating Officer • FDM Group**



## **University of Brighton**



By working for FDM, graduates can gain an insight into the workings of a large organisation and improve their employability skills, whilst gaining valuable commercial experience.



**Sam Rhodes, Head of Careers • University of Brighton**



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