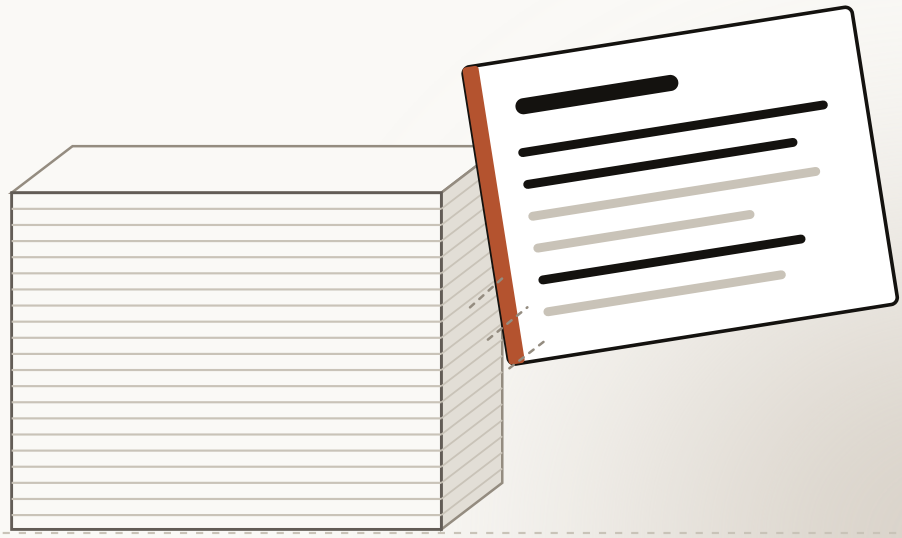


The AI Job-Search Fast-Track: your first CV, built on real evidence

Turn your study, projects and side jobs into proof, and use AI to tailor each application without inventing experience you don't have.

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This free sample contains chapter 01. The full guide has all 7 chapters, plus the prompt library and the checklist.

The promise. A first CV that turns study, projects and side jobs into **evidence**, a tailoring routine with a truth check for each vacancy, a cover letter that **doesn't read like a template** and interview prep with AI as your **sparring partner**. **No promise of interviews or offers. You need** your CV, two or three real vacancies, a free ChatGPT or Claude account and a word processor.

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Examples. Ari Kramer, the university, the employers and the ads are fictional. Every prompt was run in ChatGPT, the truth check also in Claude, on the date above; results and AI times are as measured.

Tools change. AI products update often. If a screen looks different from the one described, the method still applies; owners get free updated versions in their library.

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CHAPTER 01

How graduate applications are screened in 2026

“I have nothing to put on a CV” is what most graduates say first, and it’s rarely true. What’s missing is the evidence: what you did, at what size, with which tools, and what came of it. This chapter shows how applications are read, so the rest of the guide can put that evidence where it counts.



YOU'LL HAVE — A true picture of each stage, where your effort pays, and the three things you control

The competition is real. In the UK, the best-measured graduate market in Europe, employers received **141 applications per graduate role in 2025–26, and 172 in London**, across 155 employers (Institute of Student Employers, Oct 2026). In US payroll data, employment of 22- to 25-year-olds in the jobs most exposed to AI was **19% below** where it would have been had it kept pace with less-exposed workers (Brynjolfsson, Chandar and Chen, Stanford, revised Aug 2026). That's why evidence matters more than volume.

Two paths: a graduate scheme and a direct junior hire

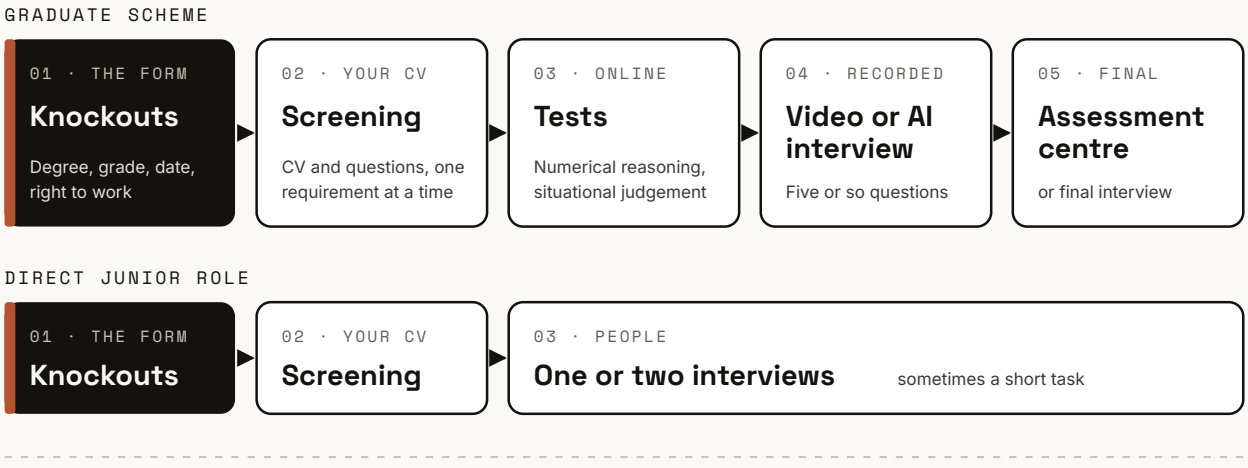


Fig 1.1 Where a graduate application goes. Schemes add tests and a recorded interview; direct junior roles usually go from CV to interview

1. **The form and its knockouts.** Degree subject, grade ("2:1 or equivalent"), graduation date and right to work. Employers can reject automatically on form answers, not on your CV (Greenhouse support).
2. **CV and application questions.** Your file is copied into fields and matched **one requirement at a time** (Workday, Aug 2026). Schemes often add short written questions.
3. **Online tests.** Numerical reasoning and situational judgement are common (chapter 6).
4. **A recorded video or AI interview.**
5. **An assessment centre or final interview.**

A direct junior role usually skips the tests and the recorded interview. Schemes recruit up to a year ahead, so their deadlines come early: the bonus checklist has a calendar.

What the research says about AI-written applications

Writing help works: in a field experiment with nearly 500,000 job seekers, those given CV-writing help were **hired 8% more often** (Wiles, Munyikwa and Horton, 2025). But after ChatGPT, tailored applications no longer earned more (Galdin and Silbert, 2025). And **92% of UK graduate employers suspected or confirmed student misconduct** in assessment and selection, most often unauthorised AI use in interviews and online tests (ISE, Oct 2026). Let AI make you **clear**; the **specifics**, and the test answers, come from you.

The three things you control

1. **Your evidence**, at its true size (chapters 2 and 3).
2. **Which vacancies you answer**, with a CV tailored and checked for each (chapter 4).
3. **How you sound** in letters, forms and interviews, with AI as your sparring partner (chapters 5 and 6).

OUR WORKED EXAMPLE IS FICTIONAL

Ari Kramer is invented: a business graduate (Rotterdam, July 2026) with a data thesis, a group consulting project, part-time supermarket work, a year as a study association's treasurer, and **no internship**. The ads are invented too: a **Data & Insight graduate scheme** at Liffeyside Retail Group (Dublin) and a **Junior Business Analyst** role at Kaaiwerk (Rotterdam). Every prompt was run on Ari's material. Not covered: academic CVs for PhD or research posts.

WHAT NEXT

Get the full guide

You've read the first chapter. The full guide takes you through all 7 chapters of the build, step by step, with every prompt ready to copy and a checklist to work from.

02 **Turn study, projects and side jobs into evidence**
Where evidence hides, the evidence-bank interview, evidence lines and honest skill levels.

03 **Your first CV: one page of real evidence**
The graduate layout, the student-template problem, the copy-paste test and EU notes.

04 **A tailoring routine for each vacancy**
Hard filters and wish lists, decode and map, tailor, truth-check and test.

05 **A cover letter that doesn't read like a template**
The template tells, research without AI facts, one reason and one proof, and motivation questions.

06 **Interview prep with AI as your sparring partner**
Predict the questions, six stories, a mock with pushback and an analytical question, and the rules for tests.

07 **Myths and troubleshooting for graduates**
Seven claims graduates hear, checked, and fixes for the usual snags.

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