

# The Next Generation of Leaders is on LinkedIn Insights on our Student members

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## Benelux students are looking for *challenging work* and *pride in their employer* when considering a job

### **Executive Summary**

Students and recent graduates are the fastest growing member segment on LinkedIn. They use LinkedIn to establish their professional identities, grow their networks, and build relationships with potential employers. LinkedIn data reveals where students are concentrated, where they're going, and the demand for them.

- The highest volume of recent graduates on LinkedIn are in Amsterdam, Rotterdam and Brussels come in as second and third.
- Amsterdam, Netherlands and Antwerp, Belgium based recent graduates are most in demand and more likely to be approached via direct sourcing.

You can tap LinkedIn to position your brand in front of these members at the early part of their careers.

#### Overview

Students recognize LinkedIn as one of the best tools to jump-start their professional careers. 84% of student members are using LinkedIn to grow and maintain their professional network.

Our LinkedIn research also shows that 51% of Students in Benelux will look for job opportunities on LinkedIn.

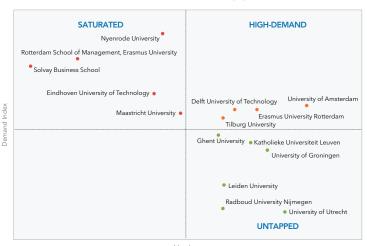
Student members use LinkedIn regularly to research companies, industries, and specific jobs and internships. Showcase your brand and put employment opportunities in front of highly engaged and increasingly connected students.

### Where are graduates going?

Industry information provides unique insights into where new graduates are headed. LinkedIn network data indicates the top 5 industries for this demographic are health care, technology, marketing and advertising, financial services, and research.

We found that 71% Benelux students are willing to relocate for a job, and a further 13% are willing to relocate only if it is within their country.

### Recent graduate university supply and demand



### Where should you look for talent?

- Untapped: These mid-sized markets have relatively lower demand, meaning hiring is likely to be easier
- **High-Demand**: These are the largest markets, where overall demand is also highest and hiring may be difficult

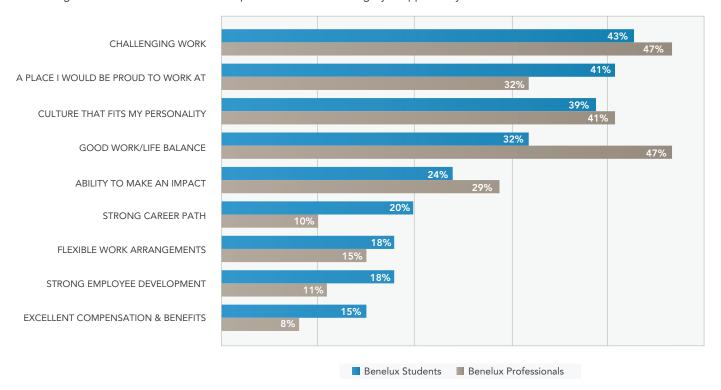
### Top 10 penetrated Benelux universities on LinkedIn

- 1. Saxion Hogescholen
- 2. Delft University of Technology
- 3. Christelijke Hogeschool Windesheim
- 4. VU University (Vrije Universiteit)
- 5. Tilburg University
- 6. Leiden University
- 7. Twente University
- 8. Erasmus University Rotterdam
- 9. Hogeschool van Amsterdam
- 10. Avans Hogeschool

Penetration = Current student volume on LinkedIn/Total student body

### What are our student members looking for in a job?

Percentage who believe each attribute is important when considering a job opportunity



### How can you reach out to this critical talent pool?

If you are looking to find Students or recent graduates, focus recruitment messaging on work/life balance, challenging work and strong career path and development. Students find these more compelling than experienced professionals.

Reach this critical talent by making the most of LinkedIn. Posting your new graduate positions and internships on LinkedIn allows our matching algorithms to get those jobs in front of relevant candidates – whether actively searching or passive candidates already employed in similar jobs.

### 1. Free Student/Entry Level Jobs

Post your student/internships and entry level roles for free at http://www.linkedin.com/job/consumer/students

### 2. CheckIn

Use CheckIn to improve and streamline the campus recruitment experience CheckIn is LinkedIn's newest tool for grad recruiting that dramatically improves your efficiency

### 3. Company/Career Page

Give students a picture of what it's like to work for your company with authentic messages Showcase your employment brand with focused, targeted content

### 4. Targeted Advertising

Dynamically deliver your message to members that fit your opportunity - on and off LinkedIn Drive traffic to your career page and jobs, or reach out to passive candidates directly

Want to learn more about how your company is already connected to this talent pool and how you can best leverage these assets to reach this important talent pool for job opportunities? talent.linkedin.com

Source: Student Talent Pool Survey - September 2013 – 188 Benelux respondents

