**Eligibility criteria for Project SEARCH:**

**There are a maximum of 12 spaces each year on the Project SEARCH programme.**

**To be eligible for Project SEARCH, you must meet all of the essential criteria listed in the table below.**

**The desirable criteria help us to select the most suitable candidates in the situation where we may have more candidates than spaces available.**

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| **Essential** | **Desirable** |
| A desire to work with the aim of competitive paid employment at the end of the Project SEARCH year  Basic communication skills (verbal or supported by technology)  Ability to take direction and follow instructions  Willing to work with others  Basic IT skills  Good timekeeping  Willingness to try a range of different work environments  Minimum of 16 years old, maximum of 24 years old  Independent personal care  Must be able to attend the programme Monday to Friday from 09:00 to 16:30  A willingness to travel independently and undertake travel training if necessary  Understand that Project SEARCH is designed to be your final year of education, and we would not expect you to be moving on to college thereafter | **At Application**  Previous work experience  Satisfactory Supporting Statements  Good quality answers  Good quality examples about skills  Wide selection of internship choices  (more than 3)  Independent traveller  Completed application themselves  **At Interview/Assessment Day**  Good communication skills  Able to demonstrate a professional attitude  Ability to work in a team  IT skills  Able to demonstrate good listening skills  Ability to work independently  Accuracy skills  Ability to focus  Ability to follow instructions  Asks for help when stuck  Ability to take part in the full day |