



John Clifford is in his first year at university, studying Multimedia. Having taken on a client through studentgems.com who wanted a website produced, he was promptly commissioned with nine more!

## Rich students... whatever next?!

STUDENTGEMS.COM MAKES IT EASY TO PUT YOUR SKILLS TO GOOD WORK AND EARN SOME DECENT CASH WHILE STUDYING

**STUDENT LIFE IS** absolutely fantastic – spending time doing what you love the most and meeting like-minded people along the way. In our industry it's especially useful, as classmates become colleagues and contacts in future roles. Let's be honest for a moment though – being completely broke for three or four years isn't quite as much fun. Well, suffer no more; you can now put your talents to good use and earn some serious cash at the same time before graduation through [www.studentgems.com](http://www.studentgems.com), the new job marketplace aimed specifically at students and fresh graduates throughout the UK. Skilled students are earning an average of £13.23 an hour through the site – three times as much as the minimum wage offered by bar or retail work. And the best bit about it all, of course, is that you can work from the comfort of your own home.

There are a wide range of jobs on offer on the site as the 'customers' vary from independent contractors right the

way up to large corporations, but the more popular roles so far have been in web design, web development and logo design. There are more than 1,400 skills to choose from, with new categories being added every day, attracting an ever-growing customer base keen to recruit fresh faces.

"As the site has become more popular, it is clear that customers are very happy to employ students. They appreciate the skills and talents and are delighted that the students receive 100 per cent of the money for the job; we do not take any fees or commission. It has been a major factor in the success of the site," says Joanna Ward, co-founder of studentgems.com. Having launched in September 2007, the site is growing impressively rapidly; it already has more than 2,000 students and businesses registered and taking full advantage. So get yourself signed up now and those looming student fees might not seem quite so scary...