

Internship Programme

2020/21

FACT SHEET



In the current climate, making connections with the next generation of Electronics graduates is a real challenge for employers. For ten years the UKESF has been helping companies to connect with the most capable students from the UK's leading universities via our prestigious Scholarship Scheme. Since 2018, we have run an additional **Internship Programme**, specifically designed to connect employers with first-year students but without any long-term commitment.

What is it?

The **Internship Programme** consists of a one-off work placement undertaken by the student during the summer following their first year (and second year in Scotland) or foundation year. There is no long-term commitment beyond the summer work placement, making this a low-risk way of connecting with dedicated students at the start of their studies.

How it will work?

All students will be studying Electronics at one of our 24 partner universities and be eligible to work in the UK; the UKESF will market and promote opportunities on behalf of employers at these universities. The UKESF will manage the whole application process, so companies who participate in the **Internship Programme** will be able to recruit, hassle-free, from a pool of top quality students.

What are the timescales?

APPLICATIONS	DATE
Applications open	Mid-January 2021
Application deadline	Midnight Wed 24 th February 2021
SELECTION PROCESS	DATE
Applications sent to companies	By Fri 5 th March 2021
If companies request more applications, UKESF will identify suitable students and ask them submit additional applications	March 2021 – Mid-April 2021
Companies invite short-listed candidates to interview and notify UKESF	By Wed 17 th March 2021
Initial candidate interviews	18 th March – 22 nd April 2021
Companies inform UKESF if they want to send any initial offers	By Fri 23 rd April 2021
UKESF creates offer letters and sends to companies to check	By Mon 26 th April 2021
UKESF sends initial offers to candidates	By Wed 28 th April 2021
First choice candidates respond to offers	By Tue 4 th May 2021
Companies inform UKESF if they want to send any offers to second choice candidates	By Wed 5 th May 2021
UKESF creates offer letters and sends to companies to check	By Thu 6 th May 2021
UKESF sends offers to second choice candidates	By Fri 7 th May 2021
Second choice candidates respond to offers	By Wed 12 th May 2021
FINANCES	DATE
UKESF invoices companies advance management fees	January 2021
UKESF invoices companies for any additional fees	May 2021

How much does it cost?

- A minimum of £330 per week to the student for the duration of work placement (at least 6 weeks)
- Reimbursement of interview expenses for internship candidates
- A one-off fee to the UKESF of £295 to advertise the vacancy, process applications and cover the management fee for the first internship per year
- An additional management fee to the UKESF of £295 for each subsequent student offered an internship

Anything else?

There is no commitment, on either the employer or the student, beyond the end of the summer work placement. There will however be the opportunity for employers who wish to continue the commitment with a student into subsequent years to do so through a UKESF Scholarship.

What do the Interns say?

- “The Internship taught me many lessons and gave me invaluable work experience, it has left me with nothing but positive memories.”
- “My internship was my first time in a professional environment. The people working there were very friendly and approachable, which made the experience so much better.”
- “I really enjoyed my time. The project I was assigned to was a perfect level of difficulty and I felt very valued as an equal, despite still being a student.”

Partner Universities



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