

Fact Sheet for Employers

“We’ve been really impressed with the quality of people coming through the UKESF.”

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.

This new Award is designed to promote interest in Power Electronics, Motors and Drives (PEMD) among engineering students and enable employers to connect with these students.

What is it?

The **Driving the Electric Revolution Undergraduate Award** is a collaboration between the UKESF and Innovate UK. It consists of a one-off work placement undertaken by the student during the summer following their first year (first or second year in Scotland), or foundation year studies. There is no long-term commitment beyond the summer work placement for employers, making this a low-risk way of connecting with dedicated students interested in PEMD at the start of their studies.

How will it work?

All students will be studying at one of the UKESF’s 26 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 **Driving the Electric Revolution Undergraduate Award** will be able to recruit, hassle-free, from a pool of top-quality students.

How much does it cost?

For 2021/22, the central management costs of the **Undergraduate Award** will be covered by Innovate UK, via the Driving the Electric Revolution Challenge. Therefore, the only costs to employers participating will be:

- A recommended minimum salary of £330 per week to the student for the duration of the work placement (at least 6 weeks).
- Reimbursement of interview expenses for internship candidates.

What are the timescales for 2021/22?

Exact dates will be published in due course; however, these are the indicative timescales:

APPLICATIONS	DATE
Applications open	End of January 2022
Application deadline	End of Feb 2022
SELECTION PROCESS	DATE
Check, review and shift applications by UKESF	Mid-March 2022
DER Industrialisation Centres and Employers review applications, shortlist and invite short-listed candidates to interview.	End of March 2022
Initial candidate interviews	April 2022
Employers inform UKESF of offers	By end of April 2022
UKESF manages offer process and offers confirmed	Mid-May 2022

Anything else?

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

Partner Universities



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