

Internship Programme

2020/21

FACT SHEET



"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. Since 2018, we have run an additional **Internship Programme**, specifically designed to connect employers with first-year students but without any long-term commitment.

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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 25 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	Early March 2021
Application deadline	Midnight Wed 24 th March 2021
SELECTION PROCESS	DATE
Applications sent to companies	By Tues 30 th March 2021
If companies request more applications, UKESF will identify suitable students and ask them submit additional applications	April 2021
Companies invite short-listed candidates to interview and notify UKESF	By Fri 9 th April 2021
Initial candidate interviews	12 th April – 7 th May 2021
Companies inform UKESF if they want to send any initial offers	By Mon 10 th May 2021
UKESF creates offer letters and sends to companies to check	By Tues 11 th May 2021
UKESF sends initial offers to candidates	By Wed 12 th May 2021
First choice candidates respond to offers	By Mon 17 th May 2021
Additional offers may be agreed and sent to second choice candidates	By Mon 24 th May 2021
FINANCES	DATE
UKESF invoices companies advance management fees	February 2021
UKESF invoices companies for any additional fees	June 2021

How much does it cost?

- An initial fee of £95 (paid up front and non-returnable) to advertise the vacancy and process applications
- A recommended minimum salary of £330 per week to the student for the duration of the work placement (at least 6 weeks)
- A management fee to the UKESF of £200 for each student offered an internship
- Reimbursement of interview expenses for internship candidates

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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