



Scholarship Scheme

2022/23 Guide

**The UKESF connects employers with the best
Electronics & Engineering students.**

“This is the most exciting initiative we’ve seen to help us nurture the skills that will secure an even brighter future for our business and the UK economy.” ARM

The UKESF provides an industry-leading scholarship programme offering a comprehensive and extensive range of student development and educational activities.

In the UK, the Electronics sector is big, valuable and growing; however, the demand for employable graduates is currently outstripping supply. The UKESF operates collaboratively with major companies, leading universities and other organisations to tackle this skills shortage.

671

students have received
UKESF Scholarships
since 2010

A UKESF Scholarship is different because it gives undergraduates the chance to connect with Electronics companies, provides them with a work placement, develops their professional skills and provides employability training, as well as offering the chance to make a difference in the Electronics sector through educational activities.

Scholars benefit from an annual bursary, paid summer work placements, mentorship from their sponsoring company, a paid-for place at the residential UKESF Scholar Workshop, in addition to opportunities to network and build professional relationships.

The UKESF only accepts applications from the most capable undergraduates, studying for an IET-accredited MEng or BEng degree at one of our Partner Universities and on courses with a significant Electronics element. Applicants must have a permanent right to work in the UK upon graduation. They can be in any year of their degree except the final year and will be on track to achieve a 2:1.

92%

of those who have
completed their studies
work in the Electronics &
Technology sectors

- **De-risk** your graduate recruitment
- **Get access** to the UK’s brightest, most motivated, students
- **Pay less** than standard recruitment fees
- **Support** and **sustain** the UK technology community

Employers who work with the UKESF:

- Gain access to the widest pool of dedicated students who are studying Electronics;
- Recruit from a pool of top quality students for their summer interns;
- Significantly reduce their graduate recruitment and administrative costs and burden;
- Raise awareness of their company with students, universities and schools;
- Recruit scholars who are ready for the workplace with the right personal skills and mindset;
- Promote the Electronics sector to younger children and provide opportunities for employers to engage them;
- Improve the number of undergraduates who become full-time graduate engineers.

Costs for Scholarships Awarded in 2022/23

UKESF scholarships offer good value for money. They are competitively priced, for example the cost of a **2-year scholarship is under £4,000**, which sponsors the student through the final two years of their degree.

Overall, the cost of a scholarship depends on its duration. For each scholarship awarded in the academic year 2022/23, the sponsoring company pays:

- A bursary of £1,000 for each year of the scholarship;
- Management fees to the UKESF of £940 in the first year of the scholarship and £250 p.a. for subsequent years;
- A course fee to the UKESF of £750 for the student to attend a Scholar Workshop.

A paid **work placement of at least 8 weeks** is a key part of the scholarship package; the agreed minimum remuneration to the scholar is **£350 per week** during their work placements.

Companies are also expected to pay interview expenses to their selected scholarship candidates.

The UKESF manages the scholars' bursaries on behalf of the sponsoring companies. VAT will be added to payments to UKESF as applicable.

NEW For 2022/23 we are offering **discounts of up to 50%** on initial management fees.

The UKESF is a not-for-profit organisation, and we want to help as many students as we can. Therefore, to make our Scheme even more affordable, we are introducing discounts this year to sponsoring companies who award multiple Scholarships.

- Up to 5 Scholarships awarded – standard management fees apply
- 6-10 Scholarships awarded – **25%** discount on each management fee (£705 per Scholar)
- 10+ Scholarships awarded – **50%** discount on each management fee (£470 per Scholar)

UKESF Scholar Workshop

The Scholar Workshop is a key part of the UKESF programme, to help develop scholars' work-ready skills. The four-day residential Workshop is held annually in September, with professional and personal development activities and extensive opportunities to network with speakers from the Electronics sector.

Scholar Destinations after Graduation

The UKESF has information about 99% of the 379 scholars who have graduated between 2012 and 2021.

421st
scholar will have graduated
in summer 2022

Of those, 92% who have completed their studies work in the Electronics & Technology sectors, and 16% are studying for a PhD or doing research at a university.

60% of scholars are working for a UKESF Sponsor Company.

Key Dates for 2022/23 Scholarships

We plan to run our main Scholarship round as normal this year. However, to cope with anticipated demand, we will also be running a supplementary round slightly later in the year.

Initial Round

APPLICATIONS	DATE
Applications open	Mid-Sept 2022
SELECTION PROCESS	DATE
Applications sent to companies	By Fri 4 th November 2022
Companies invite short-listed candidates to interview and notify UKESF	By Wed 11 th November 2022
Complete candidate interviews	By Thurs 8 th December 2022
UKESF sends initial offers to candidates	By Wed 14 th December 2022

Supplementary Round

APPLICATIONS	DATE
Applications open	Mid-Nov 2022
SELECTION PROCESS	DATE
Applications sent to companies	By Wed 4 th January 2023
Companies invite short-listed candidates to interview and notify UKESF	By Wed 18 th January 2023
Complete candidate interviews	By 10 th February 2023
UKESF sends initial offers to candidates	By Wed 5 th February 2023

FINANCES	DATE
UKESF invoices companies advance management fees	September or November 2022
UKESF invoices companies for initial bursaries	January or March 2023
Initial scholars receive bursaries	March or April 2023

Partner Universities

We partner with the UK's leading universities:



THE UNIVERSITY
of EDINBURGH



University
of Glasgow



Imperial College
London



UNIVERSITY OF
Southampton



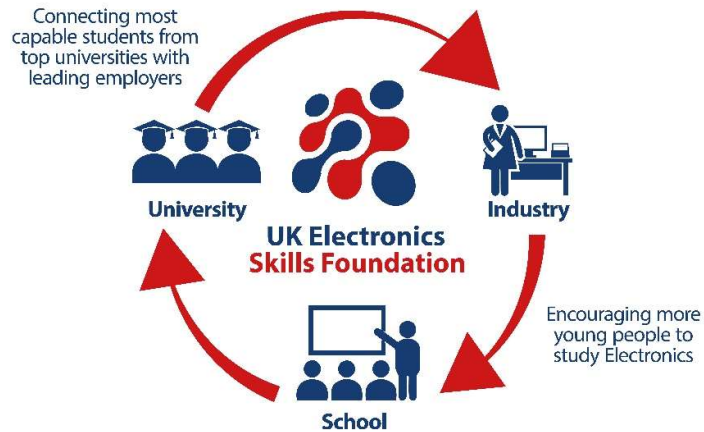
THE UNIVERSITY of York

Contact Information

UK Electronics Skills Foundation
North End House
North End
Ashton Keynes
Wiltshire
SN6 6QR

Email: info@ukesf.org
www.ukesf.org

Stew Edmondson (CEO) can be contacted on 07894 899544



“Moving beyond talk about the skills shortage to take positive action is what the UKESF is all about.”

Stew Edmondson, CEO, UKESF



What do Employers say about the UKESF Scholarship Scheme?

80

leading Electronics companies have sponsored scholars

"The UKESF is the body responsible for skills and education in the UK Electronics sector. They do a lot of screening so some of the work experience coaching is done prior to us seeing the scholars. **We've been really impressed with the quality of people coming through the UKESF.**" *ARM*

"**We have seen many excellent students through the UKESF Scholarship Scheme**, which is why we continue to support the UKESF programme and we look forward to our next cohort of scholars." *Dialog Semiconductor*

"The UKESF raises the profile of electronic engineering and provides the best students from the best universities to companies looking for interns. Students benefit from having a great experience in the workplace, so **it's a win-win for everyone**. We have had some excellent students and have four to five ex-scholars now working with us that came from the UKESF scheme. Seeing how they mature and develop over their time with us is really rewarding." *Renesas Electronics*

"The UKESF is great because we don't have to go anywhere near graduate recruitment centres, which can be a horrendous experience! The UKESF reaches out to everyone on our behalf and broadens access to universities. **It attracts the best students**, which is what we need, and past scholars are great to attract new students." *Leonardo*

What do Scholars say about the UKESF Scholarship Scheme?

"Thank you very much for all the support and experience the UKESF has provided me, it has truly been **a turning point of my academic and professional career.**"

"Only so much can be learned from theory, and the **opportunity to gain practical experience** with support from skilled engineers seemed like the clear step to becoming well-rounded in my field."

"This summer has given me the chance to get some **valuable experience and build my confidence** ... I learnt key work experience skills that I wasn't being taught at university."

"My experience as a UKESF scholar has been fantastic, and **I recommend the scheme to anyone** considering a career in the Electronics industry."

What do Scholars say about the UKESF Workshop?

"Fantastic week! **Surpassed all expectations** and it has changed the way I think about my career and the way I interact with the people around me."

"Much better than I expected it would be! Personally, this has been **the most valuable networking and skills enhancing week** I've ever had!"

"I really don't know how I can express how great and what an amazing opportunity this has been. **I believe everyone will benefit from the work being done in UKESF** and I feel genuinely inspired to support their message."

26

of the leading universities partner with the UKESF

