Industrial Liaison Office Internship Scheme 2017/18

For the past three years the Industrial Liaison Office (ILO) in the Faculty of Engineering has run a scheme to provide internships specifically for Bristol Engineering and Computer Science students. During this time around 100 students have been given the opportunity to make contact with relevant engineering and technology companies and gain valuable work experience. As a result of this success we will be running the internship scheme again this year and are inviting companies to take part.

“Our internship scheme continues to attract support from a wide range of technology and engineering companies, allowing these companies to build relationships with our high-calibre students who will form the engineering workforce of the future.”
Professor Andrew Nix, Dean of the Faculty of Engineering.

What will be the benefits to my company?

- Assistance with graduate recruitment by helping you to identify talent early on and develop a long-term relationship with the best students.
- A chance to raise your profile and enhance awareness of your organisation with both Faculty students (potential future employees) and staff (future potential research collaborators).
- Direct access to a number of other Industrial Liaison Office initiatives such as advertising graduate roles in our newsletter, which is sent to all Faculty students.
- The scheme makes recruiting an intern easy as we do a lot of the work for you: the ILO advertises the internship, gathers the applications and organises the interviews.

What are the aims of the scheme?

- To give students the opportunity to gain relevant work experience early in their studies.
- To help new students explore career development in engineering or technology industries and to enhance their employability.
- To help engineering and technology companies engage with relevant students early on in their university career and promote these sectors as a great career option.

We believe it is important that students gain work experience in an engineering or technology company early on in their studies so that they are inspired to pursue a career in these areas. When first years compete with students in their later years for internships they typically miss out, therefore we offer first year students internship opportunities from the very start of their academic career.

What do employers say about the scheme?

“This is the second year Purple Secure Systems have participated in the Internship Scheme and we plan to continue doing so year on year. We find that the calibre of University of Bristol students are a step above the rest. Bristol equips their students with a unique skillset which make them ideal candidates for both our internships and graduate roles.

The Internship Scheme is a fantastic opportunity for us as we are able to work with the best students early in their academic career. Our aim is to inspire and nurture them with the hope that they will continue working with us post-graduation. We hope to have a steady flow of Bristol graduates coming into the company over the next few years.”

Jez Williams, Chief Operating Officer, Purple Secure Systems
What are the exact requirements for the scheme?

We are looking for engineering and technology companies interested in offering a 6 - 12 week paid internship to a Bristol first year Faculty of Engineering student during June to September 2018. Our students study the following subjects:

- Aerospace Engineering
- Civil Engineering
- Computer Science
- Electrical and Electronic Engineering
- Engineering Mathematics
- Mechanical Engineering.

How does the scheme work and what are the timescales?

September 2017: Companies enrol in the scheme and complete a proforma providing an overview of the internship (role, location, duration, salary etc). A closing date for applications and an interview date are agreed between the company and the ILO.

October 2017: Start of the new academic year. The ILO promotes the scheme to the new first year undergraduates and begins to advertise internship opportunities to students.

November 2017 - June 2018: Students make their applications, the ILO co-ordinate the recruitment and selection process and interviews take place at the University.

June/July 2018: Students start their placement.

Is there a cost to participate in the scheme?

We ask that all students are paid a wage during the course of the internship. It is up to the company to decide what they wish to pay as long as it meets National Minimum Wage requirements. SMEs may be eligible to apply for financial assistance from the University towards the cost of paying a student intern. If you would like further information please get in touch.

We will also ask for a voluntary contribution of £250 towards the cost of administering the scheme.

Where can I get more information and how can I enrol?

There is more detailed information on our website at www.bristol.ac.uk/engineering/ilo.

If you would like to take part in the scheme or have any specific questions, please get in touch with Zoe Marston: email engf-ilo@bristol.ac.uk or telephone 0117 95 45161.

What other schemes can I get involved with?

The Faculty of Engineering is also running an Industrial Mentoring Scheme for first year Faculty of Engineering students and we work with companies on a range of other student engagement activities. If you would like to find out more about the Industrial Mentoring Scheme or our wider work, please get in touch.