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Professional Work Experience (PWE) Internships

UCD has pioneered five-year engineering education combining the strengths of the undergraduate engineering programme with a range of Masters programmes (Master of Engineering – ME) specialising in particular fields of engineering.

These ME degrees incorporate a Professional Work Experience (PWE) Internship module, designed to integrate students' academic and career interests with practical work experience for a period of 6-8 months. A unique feature of this programme is that these students have completed more than three and a half years of engineering studies and are educated to degree level.

Benefits to your Company

Becoming involved with the UCD Engineering PWE Internships is a fantastic opportunity for a number of reasons:



Level

Students in the Masters of Engineering Programmes will have completed over three and a half years of intense academic studies prior to commencing their internship.



Duration

Students are available year round, commencing from January and June, for a minimum of six months. This ensures that students are able to contribute to the company and undertake meaningful work.



Relationships

By facilitating a PWE Internship student, your company will develop new links with University College Dublin.



Cost-effective

The PWE Internship can provide your company with a simple, cost-effective way to meet short-term recruitment and project needs by providing you with an extra resource.



Research

Many PWE Internships lead to bespoke masters research projects.



Graduates

Internships provide companies with the opportunity to develop a pipeline of talented, trained future employees in a low-risk way.

Which ME programmes include a PWE Internship module and when are the students available?

January-June /August

- ME Biomedical Engineering
- ME Biosystems & Food Engineering
- ME Chemical & Bioprocess Engineering*
- ME Civil, Structural & Environmental Engineering
- ME Electrical Energy Engineering
- ME Electronic & Computer Engineering
- ME Energy Systems Engineering
- ME Materials Science & Engineering
- ME Mechanical Engineering
- ME Optical Engineering
- ME Structural Engineering with Architecture

June-December

- ME Civil Engineering with Business
- ME Electrical Engineering with Business
- ME Electronic Engineering with Business
- ME Mechanical Engineering with Business

* ME Chemical & Bioprocess Engineering students can be available for up to 12 months (Jan-Dec) where the student undertakes a company-based research project.

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What is the company's role in the PWE Internship?

The role of the company is to provide the student with a meaningful internship, which complements their education and broadens their skillset. Your expectations of the student should not differ from that of any other employee and we ask that you provide a safe, relevant and challenging work environment.

Does the company have to enter into an agreement with the University?

Yes, all internships come under a standard UCD contract known as an Internship Agreement that will be signed by the University and the internship provider. This agreement will be sent to you once you have appointed an intern and must be returned prior to the intern commencing the internship.

What is the typical remuneration involved?

We recommend that students are paid at least minimum wage. We have found that the level of pay can impact an employer's degree of success in recruiting the best candidate.

Are there any restrictions hiring international students?

No, there are no work permits required for international students (non EU/EEA citizens) who wish to undertake an internship in Ireland. Students enrolled on degree programmes are allowed to undertake an internship where this forms part of their course. Further information can be found at www.inis.gov.ie/en/JELR/BookletA4.pdf/files/BookletA4.pdf

Are there any insurance requirements?

The host company will be expected to have in place appropriate insurance cover in relation to their use of student interns. UCD Engineering students on PWE internships will be covered by the University's Public Liability Policy, details of which will be supplied to you with the Internship Agreement.

How are students assessed?

- An Academic Supervisor will be assigned to the student and a site visit will be arranged to ensure the student's progress during the internship
- Students are required to keep a diary of their experience, to be shown to the module coordinator or academic supervisor on request
- Students must complete a final report, summarising their experiences, with specific reference to their general learning, technical learning and personal learning
- Employers complete an Employer Assessment Form when the internship finishes

Recruitment Process

April-August

Initial contact

Companies will be contacted by the UCD Engineering Internship Manager with a view to arranging internships for the following year

September

Student preparation

Students are briefed and prepared for the internship applications process and interviews

Early October

Application procedure begins

Students submit their CV

Mid-October

Application shortlisting

Companies shortlist applications they have received and arrange to interview students

Late October

Interviews

Where possible all interviews should be completed by mid-November as students complete Semester 1 in late November

November/December

Contracts finalised

All contracts and agreements will be completed before students break for Christmas exams at the end of November

January/February

Internships begin

Exception ME Engineering with Business internships begin in June

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