



## **Brunel University London: Placements**

### **Introduction**

A work placement is an opportunity for students to gain experience and develop new skills. It can also bring considerable benefits to businesses; offering a low-cost recruitment solution for up to 12 months, provide valuable professional development for staff and gain a fresh perspective from creative young people.

Here at Brunel University London, we have a wide range of courses in which placements are an integral part of the course. Brunel has a distinguished history as a pioneer in providing work experience within our degree programmes. We have strong, long-standing industry links and an excellent track record for placing students in various companies from large corporates to SMEs.

### **Benefits of Recruiting a Placement**

**Student Recruitment Opportunities:** A placement student is an inexpensive solution to recruit some additional resource, if you have short term work which needs to be completed or a project which you have not had the time to undertake.

**Building Talent Pipelines:** Recruiting a student on a placement allows you to access a wider range of talent and get a head start on finding the best new graduate for your company.

**Fresh Ideas:** Our students offer new ideas and ways of thinking, reflecting the interests and needs of the next generation of consumers.

**Staff development:** It enables your existing staff to gain experience in supervising or mentoring a young person, therefore helping them develop their management and professional skills.

**Cost:** Advertising and recruiting students from Brunel is free of charge. Also, as the commitment of recruiting a placement student is short term, there are no long term overheads to your business.



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### **Types of Placements and Timelines**

At Brunel there are various options when hiring a placement student.

**Thick Sandwich:** The students on these courses are second year students who are available between 6-15 months. The students can begin their placement any time from June– September each year and will have to have completed their placement by September of the following year, in order to return to university to finish their final year.

Timeline to advertise opportunities: Anytime between October–September each year.

**Thin Sandwich:** The students on these courses are first year and second year students looking for a 3-6 months placement. The students can begin their placement any time from June–July each year if they are in their first year and between January–April, if they are in their second year. The placement must have finished by December for first year students and by September for second year students.

Timeline to advertise opportunities: Any time between February–July for first year students and between September–December for second year students.

### **Courses Offering a Placement Option**

#### **Thick Sandwich**

Arts (English, Music, Theatre) | Business (International Business, Finance, HR, Marketing) Biosciences | Computer Science | Design (Industrial and Product) | Digital Media (Digital Design and VFX) | Economics and Finance | Engineering (Civil, Electrical and Computer Engineering, Mechanical/Aerospace) | Law | Mathematics | Politics and History | Sports Science

#### **Thin Sandwich**

Anthropology | Communication and Media | Psychology | Sociology



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### Placement Criteria

**Length:** Brunel University London requires that the minimum length of a placement be 24 weeks of work for Thick Sandwich students and 12 weeks of paid work for each Thin Sandwich placement.

**Salary:** The average salary range for a placement student is £15k–£18k p.a.

**Type of Job:** Brunel requires that the work students undertake has to be related to their course.

**Supervision:** Every placement student must be allocated a workplace supervisor who will provide feedback to the student's placement tutor on their progress during their placement.

### Our Services

We try our best to make our recruitment process as simple as we can for our placement providers and we provide a variety of services to make the recruitment process easier, ensuring you are recruiting the best talent possible to meet your organisation's needs.

Some of our services include:

- Advertising your vacancies on our job
- board free of charge
- Advice and feedback on your job
- descriptions in order to attract applications
- Collating applications on your behalf
- Arranging interviews with the
- successful applicants
- Support through the entire placement



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### Testimonials

#### Employer Testimonial:

*"LEGO's Product Technology department has been active with Brunel Design students for over seven years. We have been very impressed with the competence and versatility of our Brunel interns, and they have been a part of developing great LEGO products."*

**Oliver Wallington - Concept Manager, LEGO**

#### Student Testimonial:

*"The Chanel Placement gave me a real insight into the Fragrance & Beauty industry, offering opportunities to design and project manage retail solutions for boutiques, sites and windows. This placement year was viewed by the company as more of a full-time role, which allowed me to develop a multitude of new skills, work alongside multiple departments and also communicate closely with suppliers to manufacture our designs. I was also very lucky to be offered a full-time role prior to graduating and 3 years into the job, I am still very happy working with this company."*

#### Contact

Us for more information please get in touch. Every course has a dedicated Placement Team who are on hand to answer your questions and we can connect you accordingly.

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