SME Internship Opportunities

Internships typically take place over the summer for eight weeks and involve working at an SME on a technical or strategic business challenge. Interns on the programme also benefit from having access to selected equipment at WMG and supervision from our team. Since the programme launched, over 25 students have participated and in 2016, another 15-20 internships are on offer.

How much do I get paid?
Interns are paid the national recommended living wage of £9.05 per hour equating to approximately £330 per week.

What sort of projects could I be working on?
In general, projects will relate to the expertise we have in our team including manufacturing, materials, digital systems, factory 4.0, and automation. Typical projects include new product development, materials testing, and software/systems development.

How does it work?
If you are interested in securing an internship this year, please contact us with your details via wmgsme@warwick.ac.uk.
Once you have registered an interest, we will contact you when internships start to go live and you’ll be able to apply via the WMG Careers pages: http://www.warwick.ac.uk/wmg/about/careers/internships.

What are the eligibility criteria?
- Must have completed at least one year of a degree programme
- Must be highly motivated and able to show initiative
- Good project management and communication skills
- Ideally be studying/ or have graduated from a STEM degree subject at university

Want to make a difference?
The WMG SME Group has developed a specialist internship programme for students and graduates to work with Small and Medium Sized Enterprises (SMEs).
In 2014, Dan Beddow, an engineering student at the University of Warwick undertook an eight week project with Rugby based manufacturer Autins Group.

Autins specialise in the design and manufacture of innovative noise reduction systems and thermal management solutions, and have plants in Sweden and Germany. Dan worked on an exhibition demonstrator project for the IZB exhibition in Germany, resulting in a cut away of a MINI Cooper that showcased all of AI’s products in one vehicle and an innovative touch screen system for visitors at the exhibition to use.

“Undertaking this internship has broadened my knowledge of working in an SME organisation. I was given a great opportunity to be creative and apply my new engineering skills. I now understand some of the challenges that the automotive industry faces which will stand me in good stead for future work.”

Dan Beddow,
Student, University of Warwick