WMG
Project Assistant (Bicycle industry technology research)
£9.05 per hour (+ £1.09 holiday pay)
Ref: WMG003/14
Fixed Term Contract: 8 Weeks Full Time

Working with supervision from WMG’s SME Group you will undertake research into the opportunities and threats to the UK bicycle and accessories manufacturing industry, in comparison to Europe and the rest of the world. Particular investigation will look from a technological development perspective at governmental and industry-level support, the size of the markets, SME operators, current technology ‘State of the Art’ and future technological trends. The expected output is a technology centred report to inform future thinking around technology support offerings to this industry.

You will be engaged for 8 weeks with WMG, University of Warwick, Coventry, with the post being based at the WMG buildings. Some travelling expected throughout the UK to visit industry organisations and manufacturers.

You will ideally be educated to or working towards degree level (or equivalent) in a relevant business field. Experience or knowledge of the bicycle industry, knowledge of materials/manufacturing and digital technology is an advantage but not essential.

This post is not eligible for sponsorship and applicants must be eligible to work in the UK under present Visa arrangements.

If you are interested in applying for this internship please send a covering letter and CV to Sam Hounsell, Administration Assistant (HR), email address: wmghr@warwick.ac.uk by 27/04/2016. Please quote the reference number WMG003/16 in all correspondence.
JOB DESCRIPTION

POST TITLE: Project Assistant (Bicycle industry technology research)

DEPARTMENT: WMG

POST RESPONSIBLE TO: WMG’s SME Team, University of Warwick

SALARY IN THE RANGE: £9.05 PER HOUR (+ £1.09 HOL PAY)

REFERENCE NUMBER: WMG003/16

CLOSING DATE: 27/04/2016

JOB PURPOSE:
The WMG SME team wish to hire an enthusiastic individual to carry out in-depth technology review of the global, European and UK bicycle (and accessories) manufacturing industry. The study is expected to produce a report that will include a review of key players in the industry, identify the technological support and weaknesses in the UK industry, highlight the threats and opportunities, and clarify future relevant technological trends.

The post will be based at the University of Warwick, with some travelling within the UK to meet industry representatives.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Research market data from global, European and UK bicycle and accessories industry.
2. Identify current technology being used, and future technological trends from a ‘low carbon mobility’ perspective.
3. Identify and interview UK manufacturers operating in this industry, and identify key international players in the UK market.
4. Summarise challenges and barriers to the introduction of new technologies.
5. Identify possible funding sources to aide with research and technology development in this industry.
6. Produce a final report summarising all findings.
## PERSON SPECIFICATION

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**DEPARTMENT:** WMG

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FURTHER PARTICULARS

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For further information about the Department of WMG, please see our website at http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/fac/sci/wmg

For further information about WMG's SME Team http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/fac/sci/wmg/business/sme/
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