SME Programmes

Specialist Internships

The WMG SME Group has developed a specialist internship programme for SMEs who are looking for additional resource and expertise to overcome technical and strategic business challenges.

How does it work?
If you are interested in securing a funded internship, please contact us via wmgsme@warwick.ac.uk with a brief idea of the project you would like the intern to carry out. You will then be contacted by a member of the team to assess suitability. If successful, the team will then help you to develop a job specification, advertise the role, and arrange interviews. The successful intern will be employed by the University of Warwick for the duration of the internship and you will receive an invoice for half of the project costs.

Is my company eligible?
- Must be a registered business
- Must be an SME (organisation with < 250 employees, turnover of <€50 million)
- Must be a manufacturing organisation in the UK, or deliver activity that adds value to the UK manufacturing supply chain

How much does it cost?
With funding from Innovate UK, we are able to pay 50% of the project costs (approximately £2000), which covers the first four weeks of the internship. The SME would then be expected to contribute the costs of the remaining four weeks.

What sort of projects can the intern carry out?
In general, projects should relate to the expertise we have in our team including manufacturing, materials, product development, digital systems, factory 4.0, and automation.
Case Study

Last summer, we helped Southam based supplier of ultra-thin membranes and related lithographic products Silson to appoint Carmen Sánchez de Rojas Candela, a chemistry research student.

Carmen worked on an internship project to extend their current range of products, with design, testing and development work. She also identified suitable production techniques and compatible materials to facilitate future production. The project completed in October, 2015 and Carmen has subsequently been offered a job to stay on as a research assistant.

“As a result of the internship, Silson have introduced their own Additive Layer Manufacturing capability which is being used not only to produce prototype holders but also for low-volume production. This allows for a fast and flexible response to specific customer requirements.”

Peter Anastasi, Managing Director, Silson Ltd