

Engineers make it happen.

‘Engineers Make It Happen’ Nuffield Bursaries

in collaboration with the Engineering and Technology Board (ETB)

Information for Employers

Do you employ engineers in vital roles in your company?

Your business could benefit from hosting a **funded**, high-quality college engineering student over the summer of 2009; and you could help that student enhance his or her experience of ‘real’ engineering and make them more employable when they complete their studies.

As part of the ‘Engineers Make It Happen’ campaign, The Nuffield Foundation, in partnership with the Engineering and Technology Board, has launched a scheme of Engineering Bursaries to provide **funded** placements for enthusiastic and motivated further education students to undertake work placements in industry (the student Bursary is £80 per week). The scheme is designed to benefit ‘smaller’ employers (typically 500 employees or less) who usually have less resource available to host such students. Eligible students are those studying level 3 to 5 qualifications at further education colleges (e.g. BTEC Certificates and Diplomas, HNCs, HNDs and Foundation Degrees). So Bursary holders’ capabilities are considerably higher than those of school-based work experience students. For summer 2009, the scheme is seeking host companies in Northern Ireland, Wales, English North East, English East Midlands and London.

The Nuffield Foundation has run a highly-respected School and College Science Bursary scheme for over 10 years and the ‘Engineers Make It Happen’ Bursaries will be run to the same model, ensuring that it uses the best practice of years of experience.

You are invited to consider hosting a Bursary student in 2009. The Bursary placement should last between four and six weeks and run over the college summer vacation (which is typically mid July to early September – though this varies in different UK nations and regions). Unlike ‘traditional’ work experience, the ‘Engineers Make It Happen’ Bursaries:

- require host companies to provide students with a defined engineering role and measurable outcomes
- place only enthusiastic, motivated students, who are paid a bursary (£80 per week) by the Engineering and Technology Board
- match students interests and expertise to company requirements
- provide an incentive for students to write a case study about their time in employment that could potentially be used on the ‘Engineers Make It Happen’ website, to the benefit of both the student and their host company.

So this is an ideal opportunity to get a fresh mind working on a practical problem, customer order or research need in your company (for **free!**).

What do you do now?

To find out more see <http://www.nuffieldfoundation.org/scb/ETB> . The Nuffield Foundation employs a scheme co-ordinator in your region who oversees the logistics of making the placement. If you wish to discuss the potential to be a host for a Nuffield Bursary student in 2009 or beyond, without commitment, please contact your local Nuffield co-ordinator (see the right hand column of the Bursary webpage).

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