



## Information for Businesses

The DMU Graduate Champions internship scheme seeks to benefit both businesses and graduates by funding fixed term opportunities with employers all over the UK.

The scheme has placed over 1600 DMU Graduates on high quality internships with businesses from a wide range of sectors all around the UK. The internships are 6 weeks in length, at 18.5hrs per week and we, the university, pay the cost of the wages.

The next round of internships will be taking place from 8<sup>th</sup> January to 16<sup>th</sup> February 2018 and we are currently seeking to engage with interested companies and asking them to complete the short internship proposal form. We are also accepting applications to the scheme from final year students who we will look to match to appropriate internships that are available. Once we have matched an applicant to an internship the host employer is then given the opportunity to screen them, via face to face or telephone interview and decide whether they are happy to take them on for the internship period.

Since the scheme started we have had applications from graduates looking for internship opportunities in a wide range of disciplines; from graphic design to law, from dance and drama to computer programming, from human resources to accountancy. The benefit to the graduates is obvious as these internships provide valuable work experience that will help them in their search for permanent graduate level jobs. The feedback we have had from employers has been really positive as the scheme benefits them by providing the opportunity for some short term additional resources to assist in project work or business as usual activities. It also provides access to highly motivated, new graduates who can inject new and vibrant ideas in to a business. The scheme has also served as a great 'extended interview' process for some companies and allowed them to identify talent that they have then decided to take on full time. The only thing we ask is that the work carried out in the internship should be of graduate level standard and appropriate support is provided.

There's lots of information on our website about the positive impact that the scheme has had on [businesses and our graduates](#). There are also articles about the success of our interns at [The Compass Group](#) and the [Matt Hampson Foundation](#) as well as further information about how we have successfully worked with bodies such as the [ACCA](#) and the [Football Association](#).

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