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What placement employers say...

Data Management Ltd:

"We have been consistently impressed with the quality of students we have taken from De Montfort University. We have found them to be a mature group of young people with a desire to gain as much experience as possible during their placement year. Most of the students have some experience of a working environment and as a consequence, they already display a very professional approach to the tasks they undertake. If a permanent vacancy occurs, we would welcome an application from a suitable former placement student. Indeed one of our experienced data managers was once a De Montfort placement student."

Natalie Beaumont, Senior Consultant, Oracle Corporation:

"The benefits of having a placement student are many; they are enthusiastic and eager to learn with a different outlook to work, as well as giving the team an opportunity to mentor a placement student and thus improve our training skills. They also change the dynamics of the team in terms of age group and experience, and are flexible about the type of work they will undertake."

James Bowden, Software Engineer, Dolphin Group:

"Nick has been a pleasure to work with throughout his time at Dolphin. He has been well motivated and has attended well to all of the tasks assigned to him. Nick learnt well and was able to make a contribution to the work of the group."

Gareth Rogers, BMW EK-400 team:

"Pleasant, self-motivated, and punctual, and was a welcome addition to the BMW EK-400 team."



Frequently asked questions

What are the aims of the placement?

The student should successfully meet your job requirements and, in so doing, experience work that he/she can relate to in their theoretical studies. In addition, they should have the opportunity to further develop a range of skills that are essential in the workplace.

When is the placement?

Year placements commence between July and September, until the same period the following year. 12 week placements begin in January.

Can I select my student?

Yes. If you send us details of your placement position we will advertise free of charge on our in-house placement website and collect applications from interested students for you to consider. Interviews can take place either on your premises or at the University, whichever you prefer.

What level of contact will my company have with the University during the placement?

Each student on a placement will be visited at work at least once by a visiting tutor. During the visit, staff will also meet with the students' supervisor within the company to discuss progress and any other issues which may arise. The Placement Unit can also be contacted at anytime during the placement.

Is the student paid?

Yes, by the employing organisation. The average salary averages between £9000 and £14,000 p.a. according to location of employer. Some organisations arrange a package to include free accommodation/meals and adjust the salary accordingly. If you wish, you can discuss this further with the Placement Manager.

Where can I obtain further information?

We have a professional Computing Sciences and Engineering Placement Unit.

Please contact the Placement Manager, Suki Clayer on (0116) 257 7465 or email sclayer@dmu.ac.uk.

We are open normal office hours throughout the year.

For more information please contact Suki Clayer, Placement Manager:

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Do you need enthusiastic and talented input into your business? If so, Computing Sciences and Engineering at De Montfort University can help. Each year there are students on Degree courses such as:

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- BSC Computer Science
- BSC Business Information Systems
- BSC Software Engineering
- BSC Internet Computing
- BSC Multimedia Computing
- HND Computing
- HND Business IT
- B Eng Electronic Engineering
- BSC Industrial Design
- BSC Engineering
- BSC Media Technology
- BSC Broadcast Technology
- BSC Media Production
- BSC Design Technology.



Below are some of the well known organisations which currently employ one or more of our students:

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| • ABB Alstom | • MOD |
| • GlaxoSmithKline | • Cummins Engine Co |
| • Alexon International | • National Grid |
| • Great Ormond St Hospital | • Debenhams |
| • Astra Zeneca | • Novartis Animal Health |
| • Hewlett Packard | • Oracle Corporation |
| • Barclays Bank | • Perkins |
| • IBM | • Panasonic |
| • BMW | • Pirelli Cables |
| • Leicestershire Constabulary | • RAF |
| • British Gas/Transco | • Severn Trent Water |
| • Lloyds TSB | • Sun Micro Systems |
| • Caterpillar | • Syngenta |
| • Microsoft Ltd | • Viglen |
| • CERN | • Xerox. |

The benefits of student placements to business

The placement

The placement year offered to sandwich Degree students in Computing Sciences and Engineering forms an exciting and rewarding part of the student's time at university. Following on from two years of theoretical study, the third year in industry allows students to put into practice the technical knowledge gained. At the same time, the student is provided with an ideal opportunity to develop sound business skills, learn the importance of teamwork, enhance customer care skills and improve their interpersonal skills. All parties should be able to maximise the benefits offered:

- **Employers:** by having a cost effective resource they can use whilst perhaps training prospective employees for the long term
- **De Montfort University:** by producing more experienced and well rounded graduates
- **Students:** by gaining a competitive edge on their less experienced contemporaries upon graduating.

De Montfort University places great emphasis on its sandwich Degree courses as we realise the importance of work experience in the ever changing, competitive workplace. A sandwich course is typically a four year Degree course which incorporates a year working in industry, with the exception of the BSc Computing programme which incorporates a 12 week placement.

The University seeks to place students in an industrial, commercial or research environment where they will obtain a breadth of practical experience to complement their Studies. Ideally, the skills that have been acquired during the first two years of the Degree will be used and enhanced as well as developing the student's social and interpersonal skills.



Benefits of employing DMU students:

- **Increased business flexibility**
- **Cost effective recruitment**
- **Selection tool for employment: opportunity to assess prospective employees**
- **Additional staff at critical times**
- **Input of fresh ideas and skills**
- **Links with education**
- **Professionally supported by the Placement Unit**
- **The student will have a sound knowledge of computers, engineering and/or business.**



The placement process:

1. Interested employers contact the CSE Placement Unit
2. The employer provides the CSE Placement Unit with a job description which then will be advertised in the Placement Unit
3. The students will reply to the adverts and the employer can see their applications and select suitable candidates for interview
4. The finalists will be called for interviews
5. The successful candidates will be offered a placement
6. Year placements start between July and September. Computing students doing a 12 week placement start in January
7. The student's visiting tutor will visit at the work premises to check progress. During the year the visiting tutor will aim to visit twice. Those students on a 12 week placement will be visited once.

Get involved

If you would like further information about getting involved in our placement scheme, simply complete and return this form and a member of our placement team will contact you shortly

Name: _____

Position: _____

Institution/organisation: _____

Address: _____

Postcode: _____

Tel: _____

Moblie: _____

Email: _____

Website: _____

How would you prefer to be contacted?

Moblie:

Email:

Website:

When is the best time to contact you?

If you are able to at this stage, please give a few details of the type of placement(s) you may be able to offer...

Many thanks for your time – a member of our placement Unit will contact you shortly. We look forward to working with you.

Simply pop this card into your nearest post box, fax back to (0116) 257 7194, or complete the online form at: dmu.ac.uk/cseplacement



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