

Southampton Solent University, University of Southampton and the University of Winchester (coordinated by Graduate Jobs South)

The 3 institutions listed above were successful in a bid to HEFCE to run internships from February - September, 2010.

80 internships are available in total and these will be promoted through the established and successful Graduate Jobs South (GJS) initiative and the combined experience of collaborating HE institutions.

GJS is the South's regional graduate retention scheme physically based within Southampton Solent University and jointly funded by the University of Southampton, University of Winchester and Southampton Solent University. It promotes graduate opportunities in the South with a particular focus on SMEs, providing an online matching service for graduate opportunities, internships and placements. More information is available at www.graduatejobsouth.co.uk.

GJS is managing the central advertising, recruitment support, delivery and monitoring of the HEFCE graduate internships. GJS has an existing database of 1500 regional businesses and over 8000 graduates from a variety of universities, looking for opportunities in the region.

Section 1: - criteria

Graduate - internships will be primarily aimed at unemployed graduates who have achieved an undergraduate degree during 2008 or 2009. The scheme will also be open to any unemployed graduate who wishes to apply.

Employers - must be based in Hampshire. The internship should be offered in these locations. Employers will be targeted using the sector theme criteria

Internship - must be 12 weeks or more and be paid at least the minimum wage.

Type of employer we are targeting (size and sector):

Employers must be base in Hampshire and must be based in one of these priority sectors, specified by HEFCE;

Low carbon, Digital Industry, Life Sciences and pharmaceuticals, Advanced manufacturing, Professional and financial services -Engineering Construction and Ageing Society

Small, medium and large businesses are being targeted.

Type of project that the graduate will focus on e.g. product development; sales and marketing; operations

This will be up to the employer to specify on each occasion. The employer will complete an application form and we will check the internship meets our guidelines.

Length of the internships funding

The HEFCE funded internships will run from February - September, 2010.

Cost to the employer and how the grant is received

Southampton Solent University (SSU) will be the lead institution and responsible body in this project. HEFCE funding will contribute £1350 to part fund each internship. Employers will be required to add a supplement to provide at least the minimum wage for each intern. Successful employers will complete a claim form at week 9 of the internship for £1350 which will be paid to the employer by SSU.

Section 2:

How to apply:

All the graduate internships are being advertised through the GJS Graduate Internships profile on the Graduate Jobs South website www.graduatejobsouth.co.uk. Employers who are interested in advertising an internship can also get in contact via the website or the contact details below.

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Section 3:

GJS are advertising other internships on the website outside of the HEFCE scheme. GJS are also advertising over 100 graduate level opportunities on the site a week.