



MINISTRY OF DEFENCE



DESG UNDERGRADUATE SPONSORSHIP SCHEME FACT SHEET

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Eligibility:

To apply to the DESG Student Sponsorship Scheme you must:

- Be British or have dual-nationality of which one is British.
- Be studying for an approved engineering or science degree at a University in the UK.
- Be in your 1st or 2nd year of a three year degree course or your 1st, 2nd or 3rd year of a four year degree course and on track to achieve a 2:2 degree or better.
- Be available to undertake work placements in a variety of locations in the UK during your summer holidays.

Approved degrees:

Degree disciplines which we will consider for the DESG Student Sponsorship Scheme:

Mechanical Engineering
Electronic Engineering
Electrical Engineering
General Engineering
Engineering Science
Naval Architecture
Ship Science
Marine Engineering

Aeronautical Engineering
Aerospace Engineering
Avionics
Computer Systems Engineering
Information Technology
Computer Science
Civil Engineering
Structural Engineering
Building Services Engineering

Physics
Telecommunications Engineering
Systems Engineering
Automotive Engineering
Control Systems

All degrees must be accredited by a professional Institution licensed by the UK Engineering or Science Councils.

Closing date:

For the closing date for this campaign and for details of how to apply please consult www.desg.mod.uk (then click on 'Student Opportunities'). Further campaigns may follow depending on our requirements.

OVERVIEW OF SPONSORSHIP SCHEME

Introduction:

- Bursary of £1,500 pa while you study.
- Paid summer employment within MOD establishments, competitive salary paid pro rata (annual review in August each year).

The aim of the DESG Student Sponsorship Scheme is to help you explore the exciting variety of career possibilities within Ministry of Defence whilst gaining valuable work experience during your summer holidays. There is no commitment to work for MoD on graduation but we hope that you will have been sufficiently impressed by your experience to want to apply to the DESG Graduate Scheme.

Summer Work Placements:

During the summer you will be expected to work for ten weeks at a MoD establishment (including Dstl establishments). Work placements are designed to give you experience of MoD Civil Service that will be of value to your future career and to your development as an engineer or scientist. Unlike some work experience schemes that involve 'shadowing' another employee, you can expect challenging project work that makes a real difference to the team you are working in.

MoD has establishments throughout the UK and you are free to seek placements at any establishment that employs engineers and scientists. Please note that you will be responsible for your own accommodation and travel to work arrangements.

Mentoring:

On entry to the Student Sponsorship Scheme you will be assigned a mentor who is a professional engineer or scientists working within MoD. Their role will be to help you select summer placements and to offer you advice on professional development issues or MoD career opportunities.

HOW TO APPLY

1. Check that you meet our eligibility criteria.
2. Download the Tutor Reference Form from www.desg.mod.uk and ask your Academic Tutor to complete and return it to us.
3. Follow the link from www.desg.mod.uk to our online application form and sift exercise.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. What are the main differences between DTUS and the DESG Student Sponsorship Scheme?

We've summarised these for you in the table below:

	Sponsorship Scheme	DTUS
Bursary?	£1,500 pa	£4,000 pa
Paid summer employment?	Yes, at a variety of MoD establishments	Yes, at a variety of MoD establishments
Commitment on graduation?	None, but we hope you will want to apply to the DESG Graduate Scheme	Some or all of your bursary may be repayable if you fail to provide three years' return of service.
Additional development opportunities?	None	Opportunity to take part in military and adventurous training activities whilst at University.
Additional pay?	None	Yes, daily rate for all official DTUS activities

2. Are MoD summer placements mandatory and what sort of work will I be given during summer work placements?

Yes. If you do not partake in MoD based summer placements your sponsorship will be terminated.

We expect that your work placements provide challenging project work that is of real value to the team that you are working with. Each placement is intended to satisfy learning objectives in a series of modules, including research, design, manufacturing and production, equipment support, design services etc.

3. Where am I likely to work during summer work placements?

Placements are available around the UK but the majority are in the South of England with the MoD's Defence Equipment & Support or the Defence Scientific and Technology Laboratories (Dstl).

4. How many places are you offering on the DESG Student Sponsorship Scheme?

Our demand varies according to degree discipline and year of graduation, but typically we offer between 10 and 20 places every year.