“The SUCCESS scheme has allowed me to practically apply what I have learnt in university on real-life projects. It is a great scheme giving industrial experience without taking a solid year in between studies and improved my job prospects.”

Kush Patel
MEng Civil Engineering, third-year student

“Some of my best university experiences have been from my summer work placements, organised through the SUCCESS programme.”

Georgina Davies
MEng Civil and Environmental Engineering, third-year student
Providing a scholarship scheme to Civil Engineering students and employers since 2003

Key highlights

- Annual summer of 4 days
- Summer work placements
- Industrial mentor
- Employment opportunities upon graduation

SUCCESS – application schedule

- During October and November, first, second and third-year students are invited to submit applications to SUCCESS
- Applications are then screened and circulated to participating sponsors for consideration and selection
- Shortlisted candidates are invited for interview, where company representatives showcase their work and hold formal interviews
- Successful candidates are contacted soon after the interview day.

SUCCESS students are expected to:

- Work during their summer vacation for their sponsor
- Achieve a minimum of 60 per cent overall average in their degree course and gain industrial experience. This enables them to get ahead early in their careers as employers prefer to recruit graduates with intern experience.
- Write a progress report for their sponsors
- Achieve an overall average of at least 60 per cent for the degree and year.
- Complete a six-month long industrial placement agreement with their sponsoring company.

SUCCESS students are eligible to apply.

Who will act as my industrial mentor?

Senior engineers from sponsoring companies will act as mentors to SUCCESS students during their summer work placements, providing opportunities for personal development.

What will I receive help from the University with?

Extensive support and help is provided by the Careers and Employability Service towards completion of the application form and preparing for interviews of any students with interest in an industry placement.

What will I gain from my summer work placement?

SUCCESS students benefit from the work placement in terms of professional development, gaining an insight into the working life of different companies, making valuable professional contacts and increasing the chances of finding work after graduation.