TALENT:
TECHNICAL PLACEMENT SCHEME
WHAT IS THE TECHNICAL PLACEMENT SCHEME?

We are expanding the existing Midlands Innovation placement scheme by supporting more placements between the 8 MI universities and expanding to work with our TALENT industry partners.

The Placement Scheme will support a strong regional network of technicians both within and beyond academia. Technicians will also be able to explore their role in knowledge transfer and use collective technical skills and innovation.

The Placement Scheme is an ideal opportunity for professional development ranging from learning new specialist skills from leading experts, to getting a greater understanding of how other institutions operate and make strategic decisions.

The focus of previous placements included:

- Learning new techniques from mass spectrometry to transmission electron microscopy
- Implementing and design of health & safety policies
- Setting up new lab spaces
- Preparation of financial documents

CASE STUDY

What have you learned from the placement?
I shadowed surgical courses held at the Keele Anatomy and Surgical Training Centre. I was able to learn and better understand processes that take place in the anatomy suite.

How has the placement helped you to develop your skills/career?
Everything that I have learnt on my placement can be applied in the lab I work in. I will implement what I have learnt and improve our working environment for staff and students.

What impact did the placement have on you?
It allowed me to learn information relevant to my job, but it also improved my confidence and communication skills.

THE TALENT PROJECT

TALENT is a Research England-funded project which leads and influences change to advance status and careers of technicians in UK Higher Education. Over 4 years the project will:

- Build an understanding of the future requirements for skilled technicians in the UK HE sector through a national policy commission.
- Work collaboratively to advocate and deliver a change in culture that will raise the profile of technical careers, roles and contributions, enhancing career pathways and possibilities.
- Deliver a programme of training and development opportunities for the Midlands Innovation technical community of over 2100 FTE and share the learning with the sector.
- Advocate and develop opportunities for technicians in the HE sector, ensuring technical careers are supported, developed, respected and ultimately aspired to.

HOW TO APPLY

The Placement Scheme is open to technicians from the 8 Midlands Innovation Universities and TALENT industry partners. Upon completion of the placement, successful applicants are expected to submit a short report.

Please complete our Technical Placement Scheme form to submit information about the placement and its benefits to your career development.

For any queries please contact MITalent@midlandsinnovation.org.uk

Timeline
There will be an open call for applications each quarter. You can keep updated with the latest information on timelines on our website.

Funding
Funding covers travel, subsistence and accommodation to facilitate the placements. Funds to cover additional caring costs incurred by participation in the programme are also available.

TALENT will book all travel and accommodation on your behalf. Subistence costs will be reimbursed to you from TALENT.
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