



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 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> year of a three year degree course or your 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> 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:

Naval Architecture

Ship Science

Marine Engineering

Electronic Engineering

Electrical Engineering

Control Systems

Mechanical Engineering

Aeronautical Engineering

Aerospace Engineering

Avionics

Systems Engineering

Telecommunications Engineering

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](http://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](http://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](http://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
<b>Bursary?</b>	£1,500 pa	£4,000 pa
<b>Paid summer employment?</b>	Yes, at a variety of MoD establishments	Yes, at a variety of MoD establishments
<b>Commitment on graduation?</b>	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.
<b>Additional development opportunities?</b>	None	Opportunity to take part in military and adventurous training activities whilst at University.
<b>Additional pay?</b>	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.