

University sponsorship in STEM subjects – Information sheet

The average typical student debt from a 3-year degree is £35,000 - £45,000*. With a part or fully funded programme, and the potential for paid work during the holidays, gaining valuable experience, you can graduate in a far more advantageous position – with a job too!

*Source: Which? University article; [How much debt will you actually get into by going to university?](#)
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STEM: Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics

Why get involved?

Students

Sponsorship offers can include:

- Employment on completion of your degree**
- Holiday work during your studies
- The opportunity to gain valuable experience in a career-relevant environment during your course
- Leaving university with lower levels of student debt

Parents

With the support of a local company, your child can benefit from:

- Leaving university with significantly reduced debt compared to others
- Job security – avoid the highly competitive rush for employment after graduation
- Potentially higher than average salary
- Working closer to home by securing guaranteed work** in the local area

Schools & Colleges

Benefits include:

- Potential increase in university entry success
- Stronger links with local businesses
- Better long-term career results

Businesses

Why get involved?

- Recruit exactly the skills you need
- Skilled and motivated holiday staff
- Invest in the future of the company, in line with growth and investment plans
- Save time in the recruitment and training process

**subject to the conditions of the sponsorship

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FAQs:

How much will I be sponsored?

Participating companies in the NDMA graduate sponsorship scheme will offer sponsorship from £3000 to £9000.

This will be discussed directly with the participating companies during the application/interview process.

Will I be limited in my choice of university?

Certain universities have been selected by the participating companies for their suitability, but your choice of establishment can be considered on application.

What subjects are sponsored in this scheme?

This programme is limited to STEM subjects (Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics).

What grades do I need to achieve?

Participating companies are ideally looking to sponsor students with minimum A grades in the Stem subjects which are relevant to their business. In some cases A*'s will be required for specific roles/jobs.

What if I start and it's not for me? What if I don't want to work for the company when I have finished?

Degree sponsorship is a huge responsibility. As with any financial arrangement, you will sign an agreement and will be expected to complete the course and employment after your degree. If you choose to forfeit the agreement, you may have to repay your sponsorship.

What if the company withdraws its funding or there is a change to the business?

You will have an agreement in place with the sponsor to protect both parties. This can be explained further during the application process.

What if I don't get the results required?

An offer of sponsorship and a university place will usually be made on condition of certain minimum exam results. You will be required to achieve these before embarking on your university course and receiving funds.

What if I fail the degree?

The chances are that with the support and backing of a manufacturing company, you will be well placed to achieve your degree. In the unlikely event you are unable to graduate in the first instance, support will be available to find a solution for everyone.

How do I apply?

Please contact Janet Phillips: NDMAGraduate@anewsw.co.uk