

KEEP+ Associate Factsheet

Are you a graduate?

Are you looking for an exciting opportunity to apply your skills and knowledge to develop innovative new products and services?

We've got opportunities for you as part of the KEEP+ programme

What is KEEP+?

The KEEP+ Programme is led by Anglia Ruskin University and delivered in partnership with, University Of Suffolk, University of Brighton, University of Essex, University of Greenwich, University of Hertfordshire, University of Kent and the East of England Local Government Association. We've been awarded funding by the European Regional Development Fund to help small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs) to develop new products or services. You could kick start an SME's innovation journey by supporting them as a KEEP+ Associate, applying your knowledge and skills in an innovative business environment. Projects are expected to last around 12 months.

What's in it for me?

You'll get the opportunity to:

- Gain invaluable experience of working in a real life business environment.
- Use your knowledge to develop and implement exciting new innovations that will lead to new products, processes and services.
- Build your CV.
- Receive a competitive wage for a professional role that will accelerate your career.
- Be employed by a university or other research institute and enjoy the benefits that go with that (including a generous annual leave allowance and pension). Work in an SME but benefit from mentoring and supervision from an academic who's at the forefront of research in your field.

Am I suitable?

You must:

- Possess a suitable level of qualification, usually at least an undergraduate degree, in an area complimentary to the specific needs of the SME partner and the project they are undertaking
- Be enthusiastic and driven to succeed
- Be focussed on business needs and outcomes as well as the requirements of the programme funder

- Find a specific KEEP+ opportunity to apply for

What will I need to do if I am interested?

If you'd like to get involved, search for jobs on the KEEP+ website at www.keepplus.co.uk or on your local university's jobs website.

If you're interested in a shorter-term role, why not have a look at our internships scheme? (See the Innovation Interns factsheet.)

What will I need to do if I am successful in applying?

If recruited you will need to:

- Act as the key delivery colleague for the agreed project, with support from an academic provided by a university
- Operate within the host business in a professional and effective manner
- Attend meetings both internal and external as required
- Lead on the completion of Interim and Final Reports
- Provide evidence of your activity in the form of timesheets
- Respond to all enquiries and requests in a timely and accurate manner

Who's paying?

The KEEP+ Programme is a match funded activity, with part of the cost of each activity being met by the European Regional Development Fund and part by the SME.

How do I proceed?

In addition to looking for specific roles, the KEEP+ Management Team are available to talk to you about these opportunities and how to access them. Please contact:

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