

## KEEP+: Innovation Intern Factsheet

Are you a recent graduate?

Are you looking for an exciting opportunity to apply your skills and knowledge to work on an innovation-led project?

You could take part in a paid internship through 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 local small and medium enterprises (SMEs) innovate and accelerate the development of new products and services. You could help kick start an SME's innovation journey by working as an intern in that company for up to 12 weeks, applying your knowledge and skills to work directly with a business on an innovative project.

### What's in it for me?

As a KEEP+ Innovation Intern you will:

- Be paid at least minimum wage whilst gaining invaluable practical experience of working in a real life business environment.
- Accelerate your career progression by gaining practical skills and knowledge to build your CV.
- Have the chance to use your qualifications to implement innovation and the creation/adoption of new products, processes and services.
- Test drive a particular sector or role for 12 weeks before committing longer-term.
- Have access to our Internship Support Framework, enabling you to receive support from a university and network with your peers.

### Could I be a KEEP+ Innovation Intern?

To be a potential KEEP+ Innovation Intern you must:

- Be suitably qualified, usually at least an undergraduate degree, in an area complimentary to the specific needs of the SME partner and the project they intend to undertake
- 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+ internship 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](http://www.keepplus.co.uk) or on your local university's jobs website.

You might also be interested in our longer-term roles (typically 12 months) – see the KEEP+ Associate Factsheet for more information on how to get involved.

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

If recruited to a KEEP+ Innovation Intern role you will need to:

- Work with the SME to deliver the agreed project
- Operate within the host business in a professional and effective manner
- Attend internal and external meetings
- Complete a Final Report on the project (we'll provide a template and guidance)
- Complete timesheets
- Respond to all requests for information 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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