

GENIUS

GNSS Education Network for Industry and Universities

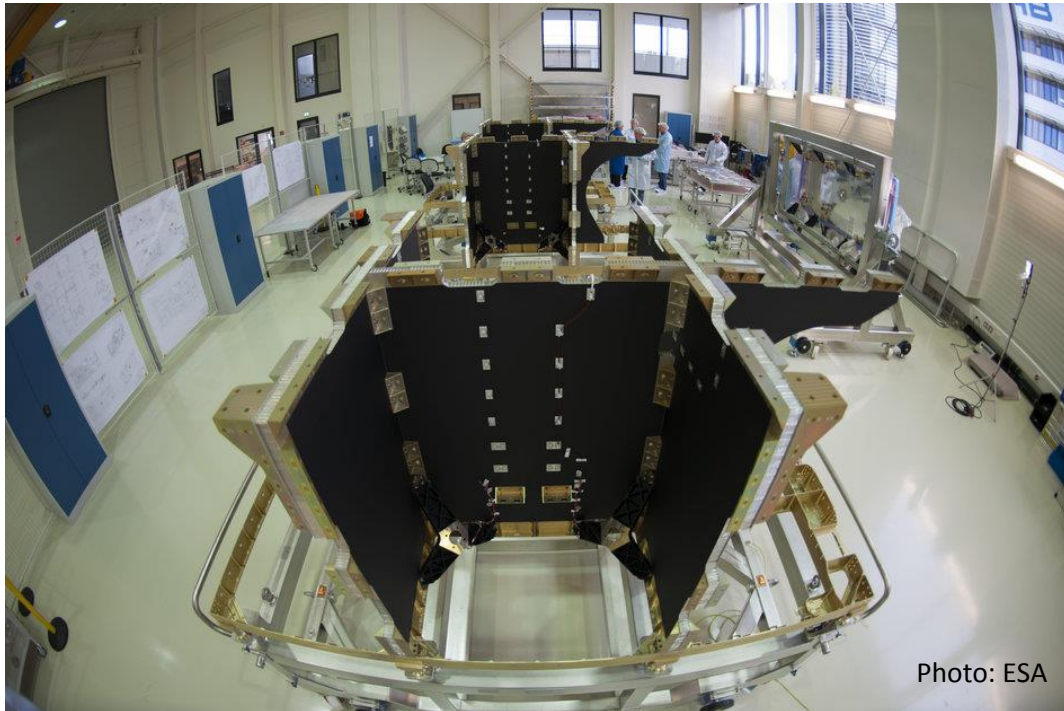


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Internship Programme for Summer 2014

Information for Employers

Information for employers who are interested in taking part in the GENIUS internship programme

The GENIUS Internship Programme is being trialled as a measure to improve the employability of students in the GNSS sector. This pilot programme is being organised in order to gauge demand, and to provide underpinning funding for a total of 6 interns during the summer of 2014. The selection of employers will be carried out by the Board of the Satellite Navigation Universities Network (SUN), a body set up to create better dialogue between GNSS teaching and research institutions, and companies that rely on the technology.

It is open to post-graduate students studying a GNSS related course. Organisations active in GNSS are invited to provide company information and project briefs; in order to attract the best and brightest student applicants to engage in an internship with them.

Benefits of taking on an intern

It is envisaged that the internships will benefit the industrial partner by providing an opportunity to work with high quality researchers who will assist the development of the skills and knowledge of permanent staff. In addition, there will also be direct access to academic support and university resources. The interns are provided with industrial training and the employers effectively have an opportunity to influence the post-graduate education of the intern and influence future courses. Finally, many companies find that they are able to identify a future employee without the costly recruitment process and induction process.

How to get involved as an employer of an intern

Submit an expression of interest (EoI) to info@grace.ac.uk by March 31st 2014. The EoI should be on a company letterhead with details of your company including location, number of employees, turnover and a short description of main activities related to GNSS. The EoI should include a maximum one-page description of the duties of the intern, and the major project work the intern will be involved in.

To qualify, the company must:

- ✎ have a registered office and premises in the EU or an FP 7 Associated Country (see list below)

Details of the programme:

- ✎ Interns will be paid a fixed stipend of €2,500 for a 10 week internship (6 projects, selected by the Satellite Navigation Universities Network (SUN) Board, will be funded at 100% through the GENIUS project)
- ✎ There will be no additional cover for travel and expenses paid through GENIUS
- ✎ The summer Internships will be available between June and September 2014
- ✎ The employer may provide top-up funds to the intern if they wish
- ✎ The scheme is open to MSc and PhD students according to eligibility
- ✎ Students will select which projects they are interested in pursuing
- ✎ Details of the interested students will be posted to the employers selected by the SUN Board
- ✎ A first come, first served policy will be applied as to which student is placed with which employer
- ✎ It is envisaged that any discussions/interviews with students will take place via SKYPE
- ✎ The employer will provide on the job training in the form of a hands on project that the intern will complete
- ✎ It will be the responsibility of the employer to provide all training and equipment for the intern to complete the project
- ✎ The intern will be required to have at least three SKYPE calls (lasting about one hour) over the duration of the internship with their designated university contact officer
- ✎ The intern will be required to submit a five-page report on the project work completed on their project
- ✎ A call for employers will be launched from February 24th until March 31st 2014
- ✎ A call for interns will be launched from March 1st until April 30th 2014

Benefits to the interns:

- ✎ Gain relevant experience in a real-world environment
- ✎ A chance to develop transferable skills in career preparation
- ✎ An opportunity to participate in a working project
- ✎ A work-based reference to complement academic references
- ✎ Payment of a fixed stipend of €2,500
- ✎ A challenge that will test potential and increase self-confidence
- ✎ An invaluable opportunity to shape their future

Background information

GENIUS (GNSS Education Network for Industry and Universities) is an EU funded FP7 project that aims to strengthen links between universities, research institutes and industry. It achieves this through a number of initiatives including this internship programme. EU companies who work in the field of GNSS and graduate students studying a GNSS related topic at an institution in the EU are invited to apply. www.gnss-education.eu

GENIUS is a Co-ordination and Support Action funded through EU FP7 GSA (European GNSS Agency) 3rd call for proposals.

About The Satellite Navigation University Network (SUN)

The SUN is now part of the GENIUS project. It was set up to encourage GNSS Universities to work together to share expertise, with the aim of benefiting and informing students, representatives from industry and politicians.

If you want to get involved with the Network, or just find out more - either as a provider of GNSS education, or a company involved in GNSS, visit the SUN website.

www.gnss-sun.eu

FP 7 Associated Countries:

Albania, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Croatia, Faroe Islands, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Iceland, Israel, Liechtenstein, Montenegro, Norway, Republic of Moldova, Serbia, Switzerland, and Turkey.



Checklist for your Expression of Interest (Eoi)

- Company details (maximum one page) to include:
 - Name
 - Location
 - Number of employees
 - Turnover
 - Short description of main activities related to GNSS
- Duties of the intern and main project that the intern will be working on (maximum one page)
- Submitted on company letter-headed paper
- Email to info@grace.ac.uk by 31st March 2014

If you wish to discuss your interest in the scheme, please contact info@grace.ac.uk