

Job Description: Temporary Industrial Placement - Product Designer



Department: Design

Job role overview:

An exciting opportunity has arisen for a Product Designer to join on a Placement Year in our lively Design Department who shape, design and develop our well-loved and iconic motorcycles.

The placement will be based within the Design Department where your role will be similar to that of a full time Product Designer. The work will be real, interesting and relevant to your studies, helping to develop and test a broad range of skills drawn from the knowledge you have gained at University.

Successful candidates will become a vital team member working alongside CAD Designer and Styling Liaison Role. They will gain experience of the Styling Process, from sketch to final CAD and be involved with a wide variety of components from all areas of the bike.

Students aren't taken on as extra resource, they are needed to fulfil the role of an engineer and contribute to the design and development of a production motorcycle. The design department is made up of small, very focussed design teams, which will give you the opportunity to quickly take on a position of high responsibility.

Preferred students should be studying a degree that has been accredited with the IMechE and meets the academic requirements of a Chartered Engineer (CEng).

An Industrial Placement in Design is ideally suited to those students currently studying a relevant design-related degree.

Please note that this role is only open to undergraduates who need to undertake a year out in industry as part of their degree course for the academic year 2026-2027.

Report to: Specialist Team Leader

Location: Hinckley, Leicestershire

Duties and Responsibilities:

- To produce high quality CAD models using PTC Creo.
- To produce high quality aesthetic proposals for new motorcycle components (e.g. Photoshop sketch)
- To accept input to his/her work from other members of the team.
- To be flexible to work with more than one Design team at any time.
- Develop and apply a good understanding of manufacturing constraints
- Be champions for styling development, quality, and best practices within the Design department
- Driving right-first-time designs by continually reviewing styled component development with other appropriate specialisms.
- To complete design tasks on behalf of the vehicle teams where their skills and experience will assist a more robust right-first-time design.
- Working closely with stylists, pushing to achieve a collaborative relationship
- To undertake and assist with projects as required by your Manager.
- Any other ad-hoc duties as required by your Manager.

Person Specification: Temporary Industrial Placement - Product Designer



	Essential	Desirable
Qualifications and Attainments	Maths and English GCSE grade C / 4 or above.	
Professional Experience and Skills	Proficient in Microsoft Packages including Excel, Word and Outlook.	Previous experience of working within an automotive /manufacturing environment.
Personality and Motivation	Ability to demonstrate an aptitude for CAD and Engineering. Ability to learn and apply new skills quickly. Ability to apply a pragmatic, practical approach to technical problem solving Excellent attention to detail and the desire to work to the highest standards. Self-motivated and resilient. Flexible and adaptable. Ability to make sensible and logical decisions when under pressure. Excellent communication skills, clear and concise written and verbal skills.	
Appearance and Characteristics	Well presented.	
Circumstances	Available on a temporary basis. Currently at university studying a related degree with a placement year	