



## 6 Month Product Designer Internship

(IMPPD1104)

### **PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE CONTINUING.**

ESPA or European Student Placement Agency is a recruitment agency whose goal is to find high quality internships for European students and recent graduates in the UK. We work closely with our host companies to ensure the positions provide the candidates with a great experience, both professional and personal.

**REQUIREMENTS:** ESPA vacancies are open to all EU passport holders able to travel to the UK for an educational work placement, without the need for visa documents. You have to still be a student or have graduated in the last 12 months. Any student who is unsure of their visa situation should check with their university before applying.

**BENEFITS:** All ESPA's services are **free** for students and alumni. The benefits are:

- 1) Paid Accommodation.
- 2) Paid Utility Bills (electricity, gas, water and council tax) + Internet Access
- 3) Commuter travel to work (accommodation will be found within an acceptable commuting distance from the workplace, if that requires more than a sensible walk then a bus/train ticket will be provided).

This will be sourced and managed on your behalf by ESPA. **These benefits have an approximate value of 700€-1000€ per month (depending on location).**

There is no salary over and above the benefits offered, unless specifically stated.

To know more, please visit: [www.espauk.com](http://www.espauk.com)

## The Host Company

British **manufacturer of high-end sanitary ware and bathroom furniture**, with two factories based in the Midlands. Imperial sources brassware products from a range of European suppliers. The host company is a family owned business who supplies **quality products** to customers based both in the UK and abroad taking tremendous pride in their traditional methods and values incorporating timeless **designs, handcraftsmanship** and **high quality materials** that have endured for over two centuries in the British ceramic industry.

## Role

To ensure continual quality of products, the host company invests heavily in its **NPD/Technical department**. As part of this investment, they are currently looking for a talented, hardworking individual to **join a friendly and caring team within this department**. The successful candidate will have the opportunity to work on differing product ranges destined for markets across the world. He/she will get the opportunity to work with teams based at the two on-site production facilities as well as with a range of European suppliers.

## Duration

6 months

## Location

**Birmingham**, largest city of the United Kingdom and a metropolitan borough in the West Midlands metropolitan county. It lies near the geographic centre of England, at the crossing points of the national railway and motorway systems. Birmingham is the largest city of the West Midlands conurbation—one of England's principal industrial and commercial areas — for which it acts as an administrative, recreational, and cultural centre. The city lies approximately 110 miles (177 km) northwest of London.

## Languages

English spoken and written levels must be high (C1/C2).

## Start date

May 2016 (preferably).

## Tasks

- **Designing new items** (sanitary ware, basin stands, wood furniture, taps, lighting, accessories).
- **Ensuring continual quality improvements** of the existing product ranges.
- Carrying out **cost-based analysis** of existing products/suppliers etc.
- **Re-sourcing / re-designing** some of the existing product offerings.
- **Assisting with technical issues.**

## Personal Skills

### Essential:

- Product Design/Industrial Design degree.
- Hands-on, hardworking, flexible and talented.
- Knowledge of SolidWorks 2012-2016 software package.

### Desirable:

- Knowledge of Illustrator and Photoshop can be a plus.
- Knowledge of French or German can be a plus.

## How to apply

**STEP 1)** Please, register with us at <http://www.espauk.com/students/register-with-us>

**STEP 2)** Please, send an email to [apply@espauk.com](mailto:apply@espauk.com) with the reference code **IMPPD1104** attaching your CV as a PDF file. A cover letter is always helpful.

## Are you eligible?

ESPA vacancies are open to all EU passport holders able to travel to the UK for an educational work placement, without the need for visa documents.