

Introducing KWS UK

We have been dedicated to providing growers with innovative new varieties to meet increasingly demanding end-market needs for over 20 years.

Higher yields, superior disease and pest resistance and improved performance in adverse conditions, are all key criteria we seek to establish in our variety introductions.

KWS UK employs a highly skilled team of 70 based in Thriplow, near Cambridge.

As part of the KWS Group, we benefit from a wide gene pool and advanced technologies and have developed strong European links.

KWS is one of the leading Global maize, sugar beet and cereal breeders and operates in more than 70 countries worldwide. The KWS Group has a seeds turnover of over €1,100 million and employs more than 4,500 people .



Details of How to Apply

Details how to apply and a copy of the placement profile may be obtained from the contacts below.

Harper Adams in association with KWS UK reserve the right to immediately withdraw the scholarship if satisfactory progress is not maintained throughout the 12 month placement period and/or if there is a breakdown in the relationship between the parties and the scholar.

Applications should be received by 9am on **07 November 2016**



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Scholarship & Placement Programme

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The KWS UK Scholarship

Our scholarship will enable you to work with the most dedicated, professional team in the industry who will share their passion and enthusiasm for plant breeding.

You will gain priceless hands-on experience and broaden your classroom based knowledge with real life practical experiences. You will get the opportunity to work with the teams who have developed market leading varieties currently being grown in around a quarter of the arable land in the UK.

We will award a scholarship of £2,500 in the first year of study and subject to a review following placement, there may be an opportunity of a further funding in the scholars final academic year.

In addition, a competitive salary and comprehensive training programme are offered during the placement year.

Join us for a year and no two days will be the same!

We will

- Help you maximise your opportunity to learn and develop
- Provide a bespoke extensive training programme which may include industry qualifications such as NPTC Pesticide application courses
- Train you in the use of a range of agricultural machinery and equipment
- Give you the opportunity to gain an insight into a successful plant breeding company and provide work experience in each department that you are interested in

You will

- Appreciate our brand values
- Have oodles of enthusiasm and interest in agriculture, preferably in plant breeding
- Be committed to learning, the scholarship and most of all, our success
- Be a flexible team player
- Hold a full driving licence

Your student placement experience will be varied, interesting and intensive, giving you an opportunity to work across a wide range of crops.

What's it like working with KWS UK?

Here are some comments from former Harper students who work with KWS UK:

Kimberly's first impressions of the business were unexpected. *"I thought it would be more nitty gritty, working solely in the field, but there's a lot happening and plenty of variety from the glasshouse to the lab. This was great, practical science, working with your hands. A year with KWS has been very beneficial."* Her advice to students considering a placement with KWS is *'take it! If you want an interesting job with plenty of varied work to do, then this is for you.'* Kim completed her Placement Year with KWS UK in 2010 and joined us as a permanent employee in 2012.

John says *"Getting a decent placement job can make a real difference to your final year and what you decide to do when you leave. My placement for an Ag Chem company introduced me to field trials and I returned with better field knowledge of crops and diseases. I came to KWS when I finished at Harper for a new experience and I haven't left. If the measure of a good job is variety and learning then you won't find a better opportunity than working with us."*

Luke's view *"Plant breeding is a strong career option, one that is more diverse than working in agchem, in a growing sector that's both challenging and rewarding. Although I recognised the company name, I wasn't aware of how broad an experience working at KWS would prove."*

Gina's view *"thrown into the thick of it at harvest, I knew relatively little about plant breeding. It was a steep learning curve but you soon learn. It is good to be right at the start of the food chain helping produce new cereal varieties. The work is very enjoyable with a good group of people to support you and work with."*

Rory's view *"From what I've heard, very few placements provide such a broad experience or pay as well. I've also made some really good friends and it is certainly a great place to get your foot in the door,"*

