

# Quality Equipment

## Company Description

*Quality Equipment is a family business which has served the British pig industry for nearly 60 years.*

We began by listening to pig farmers needs and manufacturing everyday products for the farm. Today, through continued growth of the business, we are able we offer complete construction and refurbishment projects. We have an in-house construction team alongside our factory based in Bury St Edmunds, which houses our sales team, construction team and research and development department in our main office. We then have a storage facility, steel fabrication workshop and plastic workshop.



One of our workshops is solely dedicated to feeders. In 1999 we launched a product called the "Transition Feeder". This product aids the transition from weaning to nursery by using automated gruel feeding to help piglets transition. This product has been sold and used internationally with customers in Japan, Spain and the South America's.



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We designed and built a state-of-the-art 2000 sow breeding unit where piglets are sold off site every 3 weeks. We have access to the liquid fed, fully slatted unit, for research and development to help better our products for the wider market.



Most recently, in conjunction with a local farm that takes piglets from the breeding unit, we now also have access to a straw based finishing unit to study the pig's progression from wean to finish. Between these units we are carrying out research and development aiming to improve efficiency and health of the animals.



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## Pig Trial Research and Development Assistant (Scholarship)

### Job Description

#### Key responsibilities

- Assist in undertaking trial work on farm
- Gather data on farm and present reports to management and external parties
- Conduct research to aid product sales as well as customer needs
- Travel between multiple sites whilst adhering to biosecurity measures
- Work with the design engineers on product enhancements and prototypes

#### Opportunities

- Attend industry events which provide networking opportunities
- Conduct research to aid your studies
- Meet industry professionals and showcase your work
- Work on a state-of-the-art breeding unit and finishing site
- Gain experience across key areas of the business, including trials, fabrication, construction, marketing, new product design and sales.
- Future employment - At Quality Equipment there is a wide range of positions on offer to any student that progresses through their studies, completes the scholarship program, and seeks to find a full-time position in the company post-graduation.

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## Who are we looking for?

We are looking for an enthusiastic student with an interest in pig performance research, and data collection. Somebody willing to gain a greater understanding of the UK pork industry through trial work, which shows the benefits of Quality Equipment's products and services to our customer base.

### Personal Qualities:

- **Detail-Oriented:** Ability to focus on the minutiae and ensure accuracy in data collection and analysis.
- **Analytical Thinker:** Strong problem-solving skills with the ability to interpret complex data sets.
- **Curious:** A natural curiosity that drives exploration and understanding of data trends and patterns.
- **Adaptable:** Flexibility to adjust to new tools, methodologies, and changing project requirements.
- **Communicative:** Excellent verbal and written communication skills to convey findings clearly to diverse audiences.
- **Team Player:** Ability to collaborate with others, including researchers, stakeholders, and farm teams.

### Skills:

- **Statistical Analysis:** Proficiency in statistical techniques and tools, such as regression analysis, hypothesis testing, etc.
- **Software Proficiency:** Familiarity with data analysis tools (e.g., Excel)
- **Research Skills:** Understanding of trials methodologies and techniques for effective data collection.
- **Critical Thinking:** Ability to evaluate data sources critically and make informed decisions based on analysis.
- **Problem-Solving:** Strong skills in identifying issues within datasets or data collection and developing solutions to address them.

*"Georgie Sheppard, our Scholarship Student, gaining hands-on experience on farm as part of her placement year."*

*Georgie Sheppard - Pig Trial Research and Development Assistant*

