

In²STEM

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Student case study



Serina's story



Serina knew she wanted to go into engineering, but struggled to find practical experience to understand if it was right for her. After her In2STEM experience, Serina has a clearer idea of the options available and is confident that engineering is what she wants to do. Knowing that engineering will still give her flexibility of choice in the future has reassured Serina. **She is now planning to apply for engineering programmes.**

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I didn't know how to find engineering experience. A friend of mine told me about In2STEM, which is related to science and engineering, and said I could apply for that.

I've learned a lot ... it was a great learning opportunity. I was surprised by how much I learned in a short time. Engaging with engineers and discussing projects has helped me figure out what I want to do. At the start of the week, I knew I wanted to pursue engineering, but I wasn't sure which field. **Now, after talking with engineers, I have a clearer idea of what I want to specialise in.** I felt reassured when my host talked about the flexibility of a career in engineering ... This made me feel less anxious about my career choice. Previously, I thought choosing a field meant committing to it for life, which made me hesitant.

This programme cleared things up for me. I was initially considering applying for a broader range of programmes, but I've become more certain that I want to focus solely on engineering. So my plan now is to apply for engineering programmes at both university and through degree apprenticeships.

Serina ”

Hear from the placement host

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It's a huge help when we can connect with people who are genuinely interested in engineering ... We want to provide opportunities to people who might not otherwise have access and aim to demonstrate that engineering is a viable career for everyone, regardless of educational background or personal wealth.

Volunteering in this programme can be deeply fulfilling, plus, you'll be working with passionate individuals that have applied and secured a place on this programme, so you know they're eager to learn, which is both rewarding and very important.

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Alistair Brown

Are you looking for other ways to make a difference?

Explore our other programmes:



In²research

Our year-long programme complements studies or work and helps to pave the way for postgraduate research degrees and careers. The programme includes an eight-week summer research placement, mentoring, workshops and more.



In²careers

The In2careers community provides access to opportunities including employability workshops and skills clinics, peer mentoring, industry networking and events, work experience and internships.

Partner with us

to create an impact for the future of STEM and benefit your business:

- **Sponsor** a placement, or invest your support across one or all of our programmes, to exponentially increase the impact your investment creates in building a brighter future in the STEM sector.
- **Mentor** one of our beneficiaries to share your experiences, your passion for STEM, and help ensure the next generation of STEM leaders and innovators reach their full potential.
- **Lead** a workshop to share your expertise, skills, and experience to help individuals from underrepresented backgrounds explore the exciting world of STEM.
- **Host** a placement opportunity for individuals from underrepresented backgrounds, helping us strengthen diversity in the sector, break down barriers, and nurture innovation for the future of STEM.

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