

What is a Sandwich Student?



Sandwich students are university students whose courses include a one year placement within a relevant industry, for example business, a science discipline or teaching. This year is taken between the second and final year of study to build on the knowledge already acquired and to prepare the student for the final year of learning. The time with the company usually runs similar to a university year starting in or around September through to August.

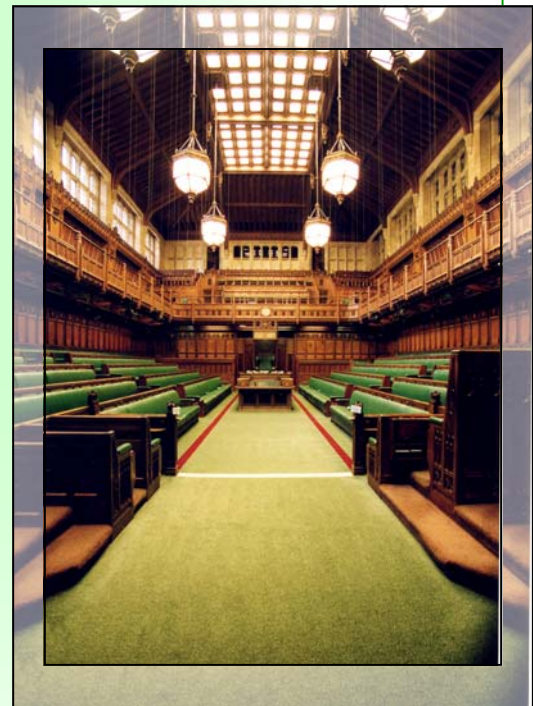
The placement scheme benefits both the student and the sections which he or she works with. The student is able to build on the theory of his or her studies, put into practice the skills already developed and learn more about House of Commons practice through day to day observations and the work undertaken.

The placement also provides a real life case study which he or she may choose to focus on for their final year dissertation. On the HR Management and Building services placements, sections gain not only an additional pair of hands which can assist with both operational work and developmental projects but a fresh perspective from someone who has worked in other sections of the department.

House of Commons Placements

The House of Commons Service is able to offer three placements in the academic year 2007/08. The placement in the Department of Finance & Administration and in the Parliamentary Works Services Directorate will be about 48 weeks' duration and the placement in the Department of the Clerk of the House will be about 40 weeks' duration. They will commence in September/October 2007.

The scheme is analogous to that in the Civil Service and the remuneration paid to sandwich course students whilst serving at the House of Commons will be similar to that paid to students undertaking placements in the Civil Service. The conditions of service of staff of the House are kept broadly in line with those of the Home Civil Service and many of these will also apply to the Sandwich placements.



Benefits include:

- 18 days' paid leave + Bank Holidays *
- Between 10 and 12 days paid study leave days *
- When the House of Commons is in Recess somewhat shorter hours may be worked depending upon the needs of the Department.
- The annual salary for the sandwich student placements is £14,283.

**Pro rata in the Department of the Clerk of the House*