

# Technical Skills Placement Programme



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# What is Midland Innovation

- A world-class university research and innovation partnership, pooling the collective excellence of universities in the Midlands to drive growth across the region.
- **Individually we are strong**, with world class research, testing and training facilities. **Together we are stronger**, playing a significant role in stimulating economic growth.

# Partnership (MI8)



# Who is Involved

- MI Board = 8 Vice Chancellors
- MI Executive Management Group = a mixture of DVC and PVCR
- MI Technical Staff Strategy Committee

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- The universities and particularly the MI Research Efficiency Committee that there would be power and opportunity in bringing technical colleagues together across the consortium.
- This would facilitate the sharing of expertise and equipment and develop some innovative proposals to increase interaction across the respective organizations

# Purpose

- The Committee has responsibility for supporting the collaborative development of initiatives to support the Technicians Commitment and to progress the implementation of these initiatives.
- To support the planning and delivery of the Higher Education Technicians Summit and the award of the Papin prizes.
- To act as a conduit between colleagues within MI institutions and MI itself

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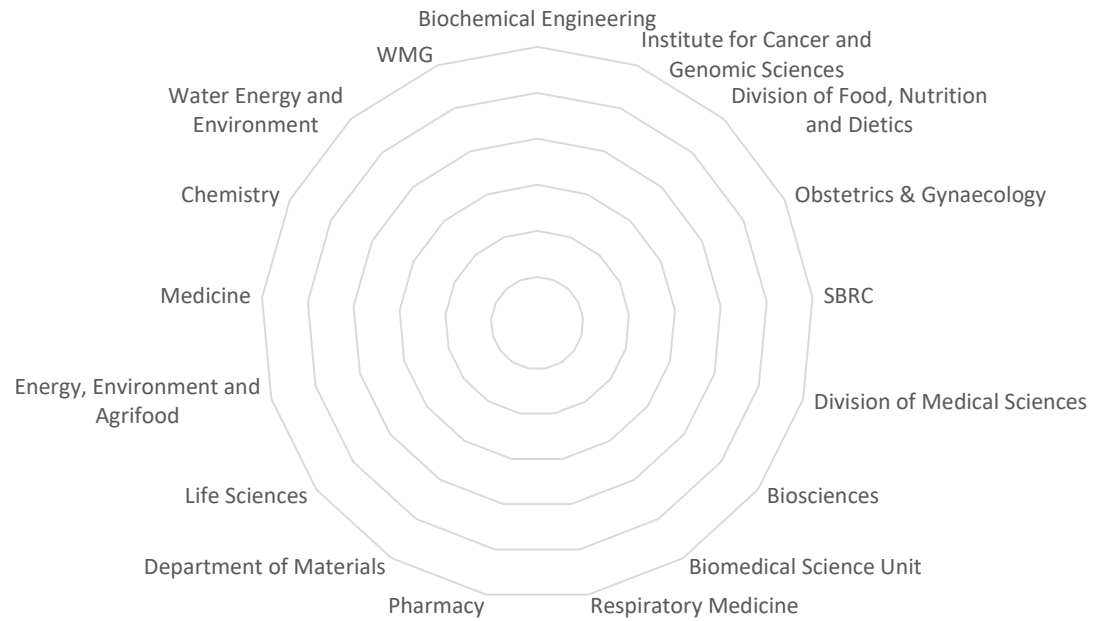
- Fully funded
- Maximum one week
- Within any MI8 institution
- Applications were encouraged from early career technicians, technicians wanting to learn a new skill or technique and isolated, extremely specialized roles.

# Outcomes

- 24 applications, with all 8 institutions being involved in either hosting or being the originator of the application.
- Applications varied from one day visits to see facilities to full week practical hands-on placements.
- Some institutions hosted their own technicians but in different units
- Feedback so far has been good but most are due to take place during the summer or early autumn.



# Areas of Activity



## CAREER DEVELOPMENT

Enable career progression opportunities for technicians through the provision of clear, documented career pathways

## SUSTAINABILITY

Ensure the future sustainability of technical skills across the organisation and that technical expertise is fully utilised

# Thank you

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