

Infosys Wins Work Placement of the Year

Annual InStep intern programme recognized for driving cultural diversity

London, 27 March 2013: Infosys, a global consulting and technology leader, has won a top accolade in the National Council for Work Experience (NCWE) Awards 2013, marking it as one of the UK's best internship providers.

The NCWE Awards are in their tenth year of recognising and rewarding employers who provide high quality internships to students and graduates. Categories cover organisations large and small, and all sectors including charities and the public sector. Winners were announced recently at Merchant Taylors' Hall in London by Timpson chairman, John Timpson.

The Infosys [InStep](#) programme, which offers students a three month placement in India, won the Work Placement of the Year crown in the category for Best Large Organisation (more than 250 Employees) – Short Term placements (up to three months).

The judges praised Infosys for providing a rare opportunity of cultural diversity that makes the scheme particularly unique. They also commended a three-tier support system and for putting considerable consideration into engaging students over the longer term despite it being a short-term placement.

Carol McCarthy, Head of Human Resources in EMEA for Infosys said: “The Infosys InStep programme is designed to provide a forum for cultural exchange and helps bring fresh ideas into the company. As well as raising awareness of the Infosys brand among future leaders, we hope to prepare a younger generation for the truly global marketplace in which they will forge their careers.”

Mike Hill, Chief Executive of the Higher Education Careers Services Unit, which runs the NCWE says: “Entries are blind judged and, thanks to a rigorous process, standards are high so all of those who made the final cut have done exceptionally well. The final list helps students and graduates identify companies that are providing truly valuable experiences among an abundance of opportunities that have wide-ranging standards.”

This year's sponsors include the Association of Graduate Recruiters, GlaxoSmithKline, Intel, PlaceNet and TUI UK & Ireland. The complete list of winners can be found at www.work-experience.org/awards

Infosys InStep Programme: From its inception in 1999, the InStep global internship programme has grown to a network of approximately 1200 alumni from 138 partner universities. Each year around 175 interns from a range of academic disciplines are deployed at Infosys locations, primarily in India. Students are given a chance to work on high impact assignments ranging from live technology projects to cutting-edge research.

While they explore new markets and emerging technologies, the students gain unparalleled international work experience and the chance to build a global network of colleagues.

National Council for Work Experience is part of HECSU, the Higher Education Careers Services Unit. It promotes, supports and develops quality work experience for the benefit of students, organisations and the economy. This includes disseminating information and good practice, the development of quality standards and more employers to provide placement opportunities.

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