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While most of my peers wanted internships at large companies, I felt I'd get a better knowledge and understanding in a smaller one and tp24 did not disappoint. Over a period of 8 months, from October 2015 to June 2016, I have worked on an internship at tp24, an LED Lighting design company based in Chatteris.

During this time I have worked as a CAD/Product Designer on over 20 individual projects including the company's newest and biggest lighting range due out later in 2016. At tp24 I haven't felt like a student or an intern at all. I've been treated like a full time product designer with the same deadlines as everyone else.

Due to the company size, I have gained a far broader understanding of how a successful product based company runs. Regular staff meetings have helped develop this knowledge immensely as everyone is kept up to date and encouraged to give their own input on live projects and how things are done.

Before this placement my CAD skills were basic at best and I didn't have a lot of experience

designing with electronics in mind. 8 months on and I feel very confident in both of these areas and will definitely be utilising these skill sets in my final year of university.

The most rewarding part of this job placement has been seeing projects through from initial quick sketches, to mass manufacture on the other side of the world. Receiving photos of fully built, working products in my email, for feedback, isn't something I'll forget in a hurry.

The people here are also what make this a great place to work. Having spent time and worked in most departments (including the distribution warehouse). I have thoroughly enjoyed working with and getting to know such dedicated and welcoming individuals. Thanks everyone for the opportunity to be part of the team.

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