

Laboratory Development Technician | Year in Industry Placement

Surfachem are excited to be offering a year's placement position at our Laboratory at the 3M Buckley Innovation Centre in Huddersfield this year. This would ideally be suited for a Life Science Student studying at University who would be interested in gaining invaluable experience working alongside our Development Chemist. Carrying out formulation development work mainly focussing on the homecare sector, the candidate would learn about this sector, whilst also gaining knowledge and experience within the Personal Care sector.

The deadline for applications is **Monday 31st May**.

About Surfachem

Surfachem, a 2M Group Company, is a leading, global distributor of speciality chemicals. We distribute an extensive portfolio of speciality chemicals into a range of application areas, including our core markets - Personal Care, Household, Institutional and Industrial care, and Pharmaceuticals. Working with industry-leading manufacturers, Surfachem acts as a synergistic link between our suppliers and customers to deliver chemistry for a better life. From start-ups to supermarkets and multinational brands, our ingredients are a fundamental part of your everyday routine.

What we offer

- **Job type:** Year in Industry, Student Placement (Fixed Term)
- **Salary:** Competitive
- **Work environment:** Laboratory-Based
- **Location: Head Office:** Huddersfield, UK
- **Work-life balance:** Huddersfield central location with excellent public transport links, car parking, holiday allowance – 23 days plus UK Bank holidays, casual dress Fridays and much more!
- **Health & wellbeing:** Free standard eye tests, state of the art lab facilities with free fruit, tea, coffee and juice, free counselling app for all employees.
- **Community and volunteering:** A chance to be involved in our CSR initiative, the 2M STEM programme, volunteering with kids in schools, volunteer paid time off – 2 days per year.

Key Responsibilities

- Formulation development, including customer formulations and formulations for upcoming exhibitions.
- Carrying out analytical testing and evaluation of principals, competitors, and new potential supplier raw materials.
- Assisting chemists with day-to-day formulation design work, including preparation of chemicals and equipment.
- Formulation stability testing.
- Maintaining, calibrating, and cleaning of equipment, and ensuring the safe removal of waste.
- Ordering and maintaining stock and resources.
- Collecting and preparing samples for testing, including preparation of stability, challenge, and QC samples.
- Undertaking routine tasks accurately following strict methodologies to carry out analysis.
- Conducting COSHH assessments as chemicals come in, and ensure current assessments are up to date.
- Performance testing on developed formulations.

Skills, Qualifications & Experience

- 1st, 2nd or penultimate year University student in a Life Science Discipline (Chemistry student -desirable)
- Excellent communicator
- Analytical mind set
- Self-motivating
- Ability to work on own initiative

Please email an up-to-date CV to recruitment@surfachem to apply