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Planning

## Postgraduate Student Virtual Internships

ASTON UNIVERSITY

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### Scope

### Description

Aston University potentially has a requirement for an internship scheme for postgraduate students.

The new PG virtual internment scheme will significantly increase the number of virtual internships; the exact number is currently unknown.

This engagement exercise seeks to identify potentially suitable partners, capable of managing student virtual internships for Aston's postgraduates. Interested parties are advised to write to Aston and provide a brief company overview.

Please note the indicated value is based on a rough annual estimate of circa £410,500 (with a 5-year contract term equating to £2,052,500); actual demand and budget is still to be confirmed.

### Total value (estimated)

- £2,052,500 excluding VAT
- £2,463,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

### **Contract dates (estimated)**

- 1 September 2026 to 31 August 2029
- Possible extension to 31 August 2031
- 5 years

### **Main procurement category**

Services

### **CPV classifications**

- 79610000 - Placement services of personnel
- 80530000 - Vocational training services

### **Contract locations**

- UKG31 - Birmingham

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## **Engagement**

### **Engagement deadline**

1 October 2025

## **Engagement process description**

Aston is seeking to identify potentially interested parties. Interested parties are requested to write to Aston and provide a brief company overview.

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## **Participation**

### **Particular suitability**

- Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
- Voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)

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## **Contracting authority**

### **ASTON UNIVERSITY**

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- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PTLB-7496-TPTR

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