

Food Technology Placement Programme

Salary: £26,850 per annum. An additional uplift is also provided for employees based at a London site.

Benefits: Relocation Financial Assistance - Any relocation payments made will be paid back in **July 2027**! Access to Greencore benefits such as a discount platform

Location: Greencore site TBC – could be London, South-West, Cheshire, Lincolnshire

Ways of Working: Site-based

Start Date: End of June 2027

Contract Type: 12-Month FTC

Assessment Centre Date/Location: **Thursday 10th December 2026 at our Spalding site**

Why Greencore?

Greencore is one of the UK's leading manufacturers of convenience food, with over 100 years of experience and a simple purpose: to make every day taste better.

Every day, our food reaches millions of consumers through the UK's major retailers and foodservice providers. With over 28,000 colleagues across 36 manufacturing sites and 21 distribution depots in the UK and US, we're investing in the talent, expertise and capabilities that will help shape our next century of success.

We're already home to some of the best talent in the industry. From operations, manufacturing and engineering to technical, commercial and central functions, our colleagues have the opportunity to learn from each other, develop their skills and build rewarding careers in a business where they can make a real impact.

Many of our leaders and specialists started their careers with Greencore - developing future talent is an important part of how we continue to grow and succeed as a business. That's why our graduate, undergraduate and apprenticeship programmes are so important, giving talented young people the opportunity to gain hands-on experience, learn from experienced colleagues and take the first steps towards a rewarding career with us.

What you'll be doing

If you share our passion for great food, this placement offers you opportunities, development, and guidance to help you learn and grow. You will gain skills in areas such as food safety, microbiology, internal auditing, raw materials, technical systems and factory hygiene. This entry level placement is ideal for those studying a food-related or food science degree, aiming to enter this field upon graduation.

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You will be based at one of our manufacturing sites engaging in a broad range of activities and projects. The placement structure includes working within different functions within the technical department, these may include:

- Technical Factory QA: Collaborate with our manufacturing operations to ensure high quality and food safety as part of the Quality Assurance team. You'll engage in technical tasks such as GMP audits, taste panels, and micro-sampling while working within the factory environment.
- Technical Systems: Working with our technical systems team to help develop robust technical systems that comply with food safety, legal and customer requirements. This could include tasks around HACCP, code of practice reviews, quality management systems and KPI's.
- Raw Materials and Specifications: Working in the raw material or specifications team to monitor and evaluate raw material safety through risk assessments and generate product specifications, including artwork and legal compliance checks.
- Process: working within our process teams to ensure the smooth transition of products from concept to launch. You will engage in factory trials, organoleptic sampling, shelf-life reviews, verifying data and product quality attribute generation.

****Food technology placement roles will require you to spend a high proportion of your day within a factory environment**

What we're looking for

- Undergraduate currently studying a food science (Food related) or science-based degree **(Must be mid degree, not mid masters)**
- Experience working as part of a team
- Existing right to work in the UK (we are unable to sponsor visas for this placement)
- A clear motivation to learn more about the food industry
- A desire to learn how food manufacturing works and to get into detail of:
 - o What makes food safe
 - o How factories consistently produce great quality food time after time
- An ability to demonstrate good attention to detail
- A full UK driver's licence and own transport is preferred, as our locations and suppliers are not always readily accessible by public transport
- A curiosity to explore, learn, and show initiative
- At Greencore we put our people at the core. We celebrate their differences and help everyone to be themselves at work. Together we make every day taste better.

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All placements are subject to successful right to work checks, and eligibility to work in the UK.

If this sounds like you, join us and grow with Greencore, and be a part of driving our future success.

What you'll get in return

- You will work with an experienced line manager, early careers manager and technical champion who will conduct regular performance reviews and support you through a skills checklist to ensure your development.
- Assuming everything progresses as planned, Greencore will assist you in identifying the right career opportunities upon completing your degree. This could include direct entry roles or positions within our Graduate programmes.
- From day one, you will take responsibility for your work area and personal development, with comprehensive on-the-job training and development opportunities to further your career

What's next:

Once you have submitted your online application, it will be reviewed to ensure you meet the required criteria. If you meet all the requirements and are selected to progress, you will move on to Stages 2 and 3: an automated online video interview and online aptitude testing.

Once both stages have been completed and reviewed, successful candidates will progress to the final stage: an in-person assessment day, held at one of our sites or another designated venue.

"We reserve the right to close this advertisement before the stated closing date."

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