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Points make prizes for University of Kent students

Skanska backs University of Kent's innovative student work experience scheme.

Skanska is one of 111 leading companies and organisations offering work experience, internships and skills development sessions as prizes under the University's annual Employability Points Scheme.

Jon Chown, Skanska's Facilities Services Director joined the many guests, including nearly 330 students at the special awards ceremony on 31 May, at the University's Canterbury campus. He presented the four highest scoring architectural students with the prize to join him on an exclusive tour, including lunch, at Heron Tower in London on the 17 June. The tour will offer a unique insight into this landmark Skanska construction project and the students will be able to see first hand the innovations in design that have led to a BREEAM Excellent standard for the building.

Jon Chown said: "Congratulations to our winners, they deserve it. As an employer, we often need something to differentiate one candidate from another. Those who are prepared to do something beyond the norm have that something extra which sets them apart. We are delighted to sponsor such a great scheme

The Employability Points scheme, now in its third year, enables students to earn clubcard-style points for activities ranging from community volunteering and mentoring to participating in events and workshops. This academic year has seen a record 2,400 students taking part.

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Students receiving the most points under the scheme – thought to be unique in UK higher education - are then chosen by sponsoring employers for a range of work experience opportunities relevant to an individual's skills.

Stephanie Barwick, the University's Business Engagement Manager, said:
"Employability Points works because it bridges the gap between offering students a way to enhance their own employability and providing employers with easy access to some of our outstanding students."

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About Skanska in the UK

	Skanska UK	Skanska globally
Employees	4,000	57,000
2012 revenue	£1.166 billion	About £12.5 billion (SEK123 billion)
2012 operating income	£42.1 million	About £927 million (SEK9.1 billion)
President and CEO	Mike Putnam	Johan Karlström
Established	2000	1887

Skanska is one of the world's leading project development and construction groups. The UK operation is one of the country's top 10 contractors.

Working collaboratively with customers, partners and our supply chain, we make a positive difference to society.

In the UK, Skanska is famous for building iconic structures like 30 St Mary's Axe (the Gherkin), Heron Tower, Barts and The Royal London hospitals and the QEII Bridge. Just as important are our extensive service-based contracts: upgrading London's gas infrastructure, a wealth of facilities maintenance contracts, long-term street lighting projects, and landscaping for the London 2012 Olympic Park in Stratford.

By combining our skills and experience in construction and infrastructure development, we have become a UK leader in delivering projects in healthcare, education, defence, transportation and municipal services, delivered through both private and public investment. Specialist in-house teams provide world-class foundations and piling expertise, as well as mechanical and electrical services for buildings and infrastructure.

Operating around the world in selected home markets in Europe, the US and Latin America, Skanska is listed on the Stockholm stock exchange and headquartered in Sweden's capital city.

Our values

Our Code of Conduct and Five Zeros together embody our values and the way we do business:

- zero loss-making projects
- zero accidents
- zero environmental incidents
- zero ethical breaches
- zero defects

Sustainability

Our forward-looking approach to sustainability is expressed through Our Journey to Deep Green™, where our ultimate aim is for all Skanska projects to have a near-zero impact on the environment. Our role as a leading green developer and contractor was confirmed when our President and CEO, Mike Putnam, was invited to be Co-Chair of the Green Construction Board, alongside Business Minister Michael Fallon, in 2012.

Recent project highlights

- An eight-year, £1.6 billion Gas Distribution Strategic Partnership working with Morrison Utility Services to help deliver National Grid's gas mains replacement programme.
- The design, construction, operation and maintenance of the UK's biggest hospital project, the £1 billion redevelopment of St Bartholomew's and The Royal London.
- Construction projects worth about £500 million for the London 2012 Olympic Games, including the wild-flower meadows that became one of the enduring memories of the Games.
- In joint venture, Skanska delivered the £1 billion widening of the M25, one of the world's busiest motorways, ahead of schedule. A £320 million design and construction contract to upgrade further sections of the M25 was awarded to the Skanska Balfour Beatty joint venture at the end of 2012.
- With a value of more than £400 million, seven Crossrail contracts have been secured by a Costain Skanska joint venture since 2010, including the Bond Street and Paddington stations.

Recent awards

- The Prime Minister's Better Public Building Award for University College Hospital (UCH) Macmillan Cancer Centre
- British Construction Industry (BCI) Awards 2012
- Employer of the Year, *Construction News Awards* 2012
- The greenest company in the UK across all industries, *The Sunday Times Green List* 2011

Development areas in the UK

- Infrastructure Development – Skanska UK is at the forefront of delivering public private partnerships – from financing projects, through design and construction to facilities management.
- Residential Development – Skanska launched its first residential development in the UK in 2012, with a firm focus on sustainability and functional design.
- Project Development – commercial property development from concept to market.

Skanska UK is backed by the financial strength of Skanska AB in Sweden.