

Savills welcomes young people for paid internships in collaboration with Career Ready

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Savills welcomed school and college students for paid internships for a second year this summer, as part of its collaboration with Career Ready.

Internships took place in London, Birmingham, Bristol, Manchester, Cardiff and Glasgow this summer as part of Savills ongoing work with the UK-wide social mobility charity which invests in young people with diverse backgrounds. Savills has been involved with Career Ready since 2019.

During their time with Savills, students aged between 16 – 18 joined a variety of teams including agency and investment, development, property management, retail, valuation, business development, social media, public relations, data and planning economics. Throughout the week, they were able to gain a practical understanding of the world of work and by undertaking dedicated projects, attending meetings and engaging with those around them, students were able to learn about the breadth of careers available within the property industry. To bring their time with Savills to a close, the students presented on the topic of “What do you want from your employer in 2025?”

Following their week with Savills, young people reflected on how the work experience had impacted them:

- “During the placement I had a chance to talk with Savills employees from offices all over the UK and learned about their work and careers. I received a lot of valuable advice from employees at many different stages of their careers; apprentices, chartered surveyors and directors. It has helped me to define my future plans and inspired me to apply for Savills apprenticeship programme, when I finish

college.”

- “The placement at Savills has been a very interesting and valuable experience. The whole team has been friendly and helpful, making the adjustment to office life easy and helped me gain a greater understanding of their roles at Savills as well as giving me valuable career advice.”
- “My experience at Savills has been great. I have experienced a lot and have been walked through the basics of each sector of work. I have also been out on site visits and inspections which were highlights of the whole experience. Overall, it has been a fantastic experience and I would recommend the Savills work experience to anyone interested in property.”
- “During my 2-week internship at Savills, I have learnt a variety of new things. I gained an insight to what it is like in a working environment and how to network within a professional workplace. I am very thankful for this experience as it helped me become much clearer in my career pathway and it allowed me to talk to a variety of people I can keep in contact with after my studies at university. My favourite part of the internship was going on site visits. This allowed me to link what I had been learning about to real life so I could become confident in what I was taught. Everyone at the office is very friendly and the environment is very warm and welcoming.”

Chanelle Gray, head of D&I at Savills comments “We are proud to be working in collaboration with Career Ready to raise awareness of the Real Estate industry and the career opportunities it offers. For most of the students their time with us across the country will have been their first insight into working in an office environment. In addition to the paid summer placements, we have also been working with the charity throughout the year with their mentorship and masterclass programme.

It’s great to hear that the placements have inspired future plans and we look forward to seeing what the students go on to do, whether that’s with us or elsewhere in the industry.”

Tokunbo Ajasa-Oluwa, Career Ready CEO comments “We’d like to thank Savills and their staff for working with us to invest in young talent through paid internships and mentoring. Together, we’re helping to give young people the skills, confidence, and experience they need to kickstart their futures, at a time where such support has never been more needed.”