



**PPMA BEST**

PPMA Business Education  
Skills and Training

ENGINEERING  
OUR FUTURE...



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To apply for any one of the PPMA BEST Educational Schemes please first complete the short application form available online at [ppmabest.org.uk](http://ppmabest.org.uk)

Return completed forms to:

**PPMA BEST** - Educational Grants  
New Progress House  
34 Stafford Road  
Wallington  
Surrey  
SM6 9AA

Tel: 020 8773 8111

Alternatively, please scan and email to:  
[ppmabest@ppma.co.uk](mailto:ppmabest@ppma.co.uk)

PPMA members and other industry companies are encouraged to put forward candidates or educational establishments (for STEM days) to participate in these schemes.

*Note: Supplementary forms and information will be available for the different grant schemes should your application be successful.*

*Applications will be treated on a first come, first served basis subject to the eligibility criteria outlined on the Initial Application Form.*

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**PPMA BEST** (Business Education, Skills and Training) is a charity established in 2014 to encourage young people to enter and develop a career in engineering within the processing, packaging, robotics, automation and industrial vision supply industries through education, training and support.



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PPMA BEST was set up by PPMA Group of Associations. It is currently funded by PPMA for the benefit of the industry and member companies. The aim is to address the on-going skills shortage and tackling short and longer term recruitment needs. PPMA BEST is an independent charitable trust with its own Board of Trustees.

*The PPMA BEST Trust aims to encourage young people to enter and develop within the processing, packaging, automation and vision engineering industries through education and training*

## PPMA BEST: 5 programmes to kick start your company training scheme:

### ENGINEERING APPRENTICESHIP RECRUITMENT GRANT

The aim of this grant is to help non-levy paying companies who may not previously have experience of employing an apprentice.

PPMA BEST will offer:

1. A grant to the company employing the apprentice to help towards the cost of recruiting and training their apprentice.
2. A grant to the apprentice.

### ENGINEERING APPRENTICESHIP PROGRESSION GRANT

The aim of this grant is to support apprentices who are progressing to a higher or degree level apprenticeship. The grant allows the apprentice to source tools or equipment that they may need for their course. This will be purchased by PPMA BEST for the apprentice.

### ENGINEERING UNDERGRADUATE BURSARIES

The aim of this bursary is to help encourage and support undergraduates in relevant disciplines to develop skills and experience they need to address shortages in our industries. The scheme also encourages existing employees to embark on part-time undergraduate or degree level courses such as HNC & HND.

The Engineering Undergraduate Bursary is a match funded grant paid 50/50 between PPMA BEST and the sponsoring company.

### PPMA BEST (SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING & MATHS) STEM DAYS

Our STEM days are interactive one-day workshops designed to raise awareness of study options and careers in STEM with a focus on the processing, packaging, robotics, automation and industrial vision supply industries.

PPMA BEST STEM days involve activities that develop the student's skills in design, building, testing and improving a product within a STEM environment. Sponsor companies are encouraged to be fully involved in the STEM day giving the students the opportunity to interact with engineers.

PPMA BEST STEM days aim to inspire and support a pipeline of students into further study or an apprenticeship.

### PPMA BEST WORK EXPERIENCE PROGRAMME

Our work experience programme offers supporting companies a structured programme that evidences the student's achievements in key areas within an industry environment.

Each student receives a logbook for their placement and a PPMA BEST certificate on successful completion of their work experience placement.

For more details on all our schemes visit [ppmabest.org.uk](http://ppmabest.org.uk)