

Industrial Placement – Cyber Security Analyst

- Location: Wokingham
- Start Date: June 2026
- Salary: £24,300

Protect Great Britain's future. Power up your career in cyber.

Cyber threats move fast. So do we. At National Energy System Operator (NESO), we don't just power the country – we protect it.

Join our 12-month **Industrial Placement Programme** in **Cyber Security**, where you'll help defend the critical infrastructure that keeps Great Britain running – all while shaping your future in one of the fastest-growing industries in the world.

This isn't about sitting in a dark room staring at code. It's about people, purpose and staying one step ahead in a digital world that never stops evolving. Whether you're passionate about digital forensics, tech innovation or ethical hacking, we've got a place for you.

What you'll be doing

- **Identifying** and **analysing security risks** before they happen
- Working on **digital forensics** or **penetration testing**
- **Designing** new **security tools** and **services**
- Supporting **live responses to cyber incidents**
- Writing **technical reports** that drive **smart decisions**
- Advising teams on how to **build secure systems**
- **Collaborating** with engineers, analysts, and business partners across NESO

What we're looking for

We're looking for students who are:

- In your **penultimate year** of a degree in in **Cyber Security** or a related subject like **Computing, Information Security or Computer Science**
- On track for a **minimum 2:2**

- Bonus if you've got a full UK driving licence, but it's not essential
- Be able to get **National Security Vetting clearance**, including 5 years' UK residency

You don't need to know everything about the energy system already – **just bring your enthusiasm, your fresh perspective, and your desire to learn.**

What you'll get

- **Salary of £24,300**
- **26 days holiday** plus bank holidays
- **Birthday day off** – enjoy your birthday as a paid day off!
- A dedicated buddy to support you throughout your placement
- Work that directly supports **Britain's net zero targets**
- Exposure to **industry experts, mentoring, and networking opportunities**
- The chance to be **considered for our Graduate Programme**

Why NESO?

At NESO, we keep the lights on – literally. But more than that, we're building a clean, secure, and connected energy future for everyone in Great Britain. Cyber security is key to making that happen.

We believe **diverse teams build stronger systems**. That's why we're committed to **inclusion at every level**. Whether you studied at a red brick or a remote uni, whether you're the first in your family to work in tech, or whether you've never seen someone like you in cyber before – you belong here.

Diversity, equity and inclusion are at the heart of what we do. We encourage applications from *all* backgrounds and are happy to discuss any reasonable adjustments you may need.

How to apply

Closing date: ongoing – we recommend applying early! As soon as all our spaces are filled, we will close the online application form.

Assessment centres: November 2025 onwards

If you're passionate about protecting people, working with purpose, and shaping the future — this could be the start of something big.

Ready to join the front line of cyber defence?

Apply now.