



# Coastal Energy Internship Programme 2022



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## Summary

The Coastal Energy Internship programme, supported and administered by The Ogden Trust, began in 2016. The programme started in East Anglia and has now expanded to include placements in Grimsby, Barrow and Ulverston.

This year, 21 students from seven colleges took part in the Coastal Energy programme and were hosted at 16 different companies. The programme returned to an in-person format with students taking part in 20-day internships; in 2020 and 2021, an online research model had been implemented due to the COVID pandemic.

Internships took place over the summer between July and September. Students worked on short projects devised by the host companies; this ranged from researching 'the impacts of 3D printing' to 'the benefits of community-led small-scale renewable energy projects for social benefit.'

The projects were designed so they could be written up and submitted for CREST awards – an award scheme run by the British Science Association.

## Key information

- Each student received a £750 educational bursary to cover expenses accrued from their participation in the programme.
- 18 students submitted their project for a CREST award. This resulted in 12 gold, two silver and one bronze award.

Participants valued the CREST element of the internship programme, with all students who responded saying that a CREST Award would be useful (9/20) or very useful (11/20) for them.

- After participation, students felt more informed and confident about their plans to pursue physics and energy sector roles. In the replies to our feedback survey following their placements, all mentioned positive skills development: 87.5 per cent mentioned developing time management skills and 50 per cent mentioned communication, project management and planning skills.
- Feedback from the students who took part suggests that they would value more information about the different projects at an earlier stage and this has now been incorporated into our timings for the 2023 programme.



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It was one of the best experiences that I have had. I was nervous before undertaking the internship but left really glad that I had had this opportunity. I think it is a really good programme.

### Student feedback

[The student] kicked off a project that has been struggling to get off the ground. They had the time and focus to lay a great foundation to kick start this project and now allow us to easily update and move forward.

### Company feedback



The programme has many partners, organisations and individuals who have helped contribute to its success. We would like to thank all those involved.