

## **Teesside Power Fund Educational Bursary**

The Teesside Power Fund was set up by the companies which developed Teesside Power Station in the early 1990s to support charitable projects in the vicinity of the plant. The plant is now owned by French company GDF SUEZ who are keen to continue the Power Station's history of involvement with education projects in the area.

Through Tees Valley Community Foundation, who administer the Teesside Power Fund, an educational bursary project has been established to help fund students who live in Eston, Dormanstown, Kirkleatham, Teesville, Newcomen, Coatham, Grangetown, South Bank or Normanby who wish to follow courses at university in disciplines relevant to energy generation. Although a wide range of subjects are relevant when building the skill sets needed to operate and maintain the Power Station, the bursary scheme will focus on science and mathematics which are less popular subjects and need to be encouraged.

Power Station managers will make the final selection of students who will be encouraged to undertake temporary employment at the Power Station site to gain valuable experience of the industry during their summer vacations.

Courses which would qualify for this Bursary scheme will incorporate some elements of the following disciplines:

- Engineering
- Chemistry
- Physics
- Mathematics

Student employees at Teesside Power Station can expect a 'hands-on' experience, working as part of the operations and maintenance teams. This could include daily maintenance tasks to ensure that the power generation process runs smoothly and major overhauls to replace or upgrade sections of equipment.

Teesside Power Station employs about 100 people and many more external contractors work at the site each day. Student employees will also have the opportunity to learn about the opportunities and challenges of being part of a major worldwide industrial corporation.

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