



Finance Industrial Placement

Location: DPD Stadium at Franklin's Gardens, Northampton

Department: Finance

Reporting to: Management Accountant

Placement dates: September 2027 to June 2028

Eligibility: The placement must form a required part of the applicant's UK-based degree course

“Build real-world finance experience in the fast-paced and unique environment of elite sport.”

Are you analytical, inquisitive and interested in developing a career in finance?

Northampton Saints is offering an exciting opportunity for an undergraduate student to gain practical experience within the Finance team of a leading professional sports organisation.

Working from cinch Stadium at Franklin's Gardens, you will see how a busy finance function supports activity across rugby, events, ticketing and retail. You will develop your understanding of financial processes, management information and commercial analysis while working alongside experienced finance professionals.

This placement would suit someone who enjoys working with numbers, identifying patterns and solving problems, and who wants to explore a future career in finance or accounting.

What you will learn and experience:

Supported by the Management Accountant and wider Finance team, you will have the opportunity to:

- Take day-to-day responsibility for helping to produce timely and accurate financial information for Saints home fixtures, consolidating monthly management accounts and preparing monthly Retail and Ticketing reconciliations.
- Support the production of annual financial accounts and preparations for the annual statutory audit, including gathering supporting information, data and invoices.
- Support financial analysis for projects, including events and capital expenditure, assist with accounts for non-rugby events and undertake ad hoc data analysis throughout the season.
- Review existing Finance processes as part of your day-to-day work and contribute practical ideas to improve efficiency across the team.

What we are looking for:

You do not need to arrive with all the answers. We are looking for someone who is motivated to learn and ready to make the most of the experience.

You should:

- Be studying an undergraduate degree that includes a required placement in industry



- Have a genuine interest in finance and accounting, ideally within a sporting or commercial environment
- Be confident working with numbers and analysing information
- Have an inquisitive approach and be comfortable asking questions
- Communicate clearly and professionally, both verbally and in writing
- Have a good working knowledge of Excel, Word and Outlook
- Be interested in developing your ability to build financial models and carry out analysis
- Be willing to learn new systems, which may include Sage, Ticketmaster and retail systems
- Have some awareness of commercial business or the UK sports industry

What you will gain:

This placement offers the opportunity to:

- Apply your academic learning in a professional environment and develop confidence as a valued member of the Finance team
- Strengthen your communication, organisation, attention to detail and ability to manage priorities and deadlines
- Gain first-hand insight into how Finance works with teams across a diverse professional sports organisation
- Receive support and guidance from experienced finance professionals as you develop your professional judgement and workplace skills
- Build a strong foundation of relevant experience to support future applications for graduate finance and accounting roles

Additional paid casual-work opportunities:

From time to time, separate paid casual vacancies may be available within the Club, including match-day and retail-store roles.

Placement students may apply for suitable vacancies where available, but casual employment is not guaranteed and would be subject to a separate application, selection and contractual process. Any hours worked in a paid casual role would be separate from the university placement.

Placement arrangements and eligibility:

This is an unpaid educational placement running from September 2027 to June 2028. Reasonable travel expenses will be reimbursed in accordance with the Club's agreed expenses arrangements.

To be eligible, applicants must:

- Be enrolled on a UK-based undergraduate degree course
- Have an industrial placement or placement year as a required part of their course
- Obtain confirmation and approval for the placement from their university
- Remain registered as a student throughout the placement
- Be available for the full placement period



Application Details:

Please complete our online application form here: <https://yq0lvkhcoir.typeform.com/to/U2QQ6ibr>

Closing date: 9th November 2026 (the opportunity may close earlier if a high volume of applications is received).