

## Benefits of an IS Scholarship with the Assembly Commission

- **Paid 10-week** summer placement.
- **Paid 51-week** placement.
- During undergraduate placements **you will accrue paid leave**.
  - You will accrue four days paid leave and up to three public and privilege holidays during the 10-week summer placement.
  - You will accrue 25 days annual leave and 12 public holidays during the 51-week placement.
- **Intensive training** in MVC, ASP.Net Core, Azure, C#.NET, Azure DevOps, Agile development cycle, SQL Server.
- **Mentoring support** during your final year.
- **Flexible hours**.
- **Two-year paid, fixed-term contract** after completion of degree.
- Opportunity to join pension scheme.
- Free, convenient car parking is available throughout the Stormont Estate as well as easy access to public transport.
- **Loan of Assembly high-spec laptop** for the duration of the programme.
- Exposure to the **whole-system development life cycle**.

To request further information:

[recruitment@niassembly.gov.uk](mailto:recruitment@niassembly.gov.uk)

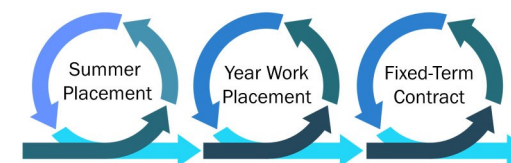
To apply: <http://www.niassembly.gov.uk/scholarships>

Scholarship Structure	Dates	Progress Requirements
Applications open	<b><u>12th March 2024</u></b>	
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Interviews at Northern Ireland Assembly, Parliament Buildings, Belfast	<b>29th—30th May</b>	By 1st July 2024, must have passed all Stage 1 modules.
10-week summer placement as Junior Developer	Between July 2024 and September 2024	Must complete training and demonstrate an understanding of ASP.Net Core MVC architecture.**
Degree Stage 3 / 51-week placement as Junior Developer	Between June 2025 and September 2026	Must meet the duties and responsibilities of a Junior Developer.**
Degree Stage 4	Final year support	Must pass their degree.
Two-year fixed-term contract as Software Developer	June 2027	Must meet the duties and responsibilities of the Software Developer role.**

\*\* subject to performance, attendance and conduct requirements of the NI Assembly Commission



## Scholarship in Software Development



**For undergraduate students in  
BSc/BEng Computer Science Professional  
Experience or  
BEng Software Engineering with  
Placement**



## Who we are

The Northern Ireland Assembly is the legislative body for Northern Ireland, and is **located on the Stormont Estate in Belfast**.

The Information Systems Office within the Northern Ireland Assembly provides a full range of computing services to elected Members and the Assembly Secretariat.

## What we do

The **Software Development section** of the Information Systems Office is responsible for the development and support of database-driven, bespoke applications and solutions. Systems and solutions are currently being developed with **Azure DevOps** using the **Agile** approach. Implementation of these solutions are predominantly Microsoft-based using modern technologies such as **Visual Studio, C#.Net, ASP.Net Core, Entity Framework Core and SQL Server**.

For the past 15 years, software solutions were primarily developed for use within Parliament Buildings; however, over recent years, there has been a **growing demand** for services to be accessible via mobile devices and to the public. To meet this demand, more complex solutions are required using a range of web-based technologies.

## What the Scholarship offers

This Scholarship in Software Development will provide the undergraduate student with the technical skills and work experience to **embark on a career as a software developer**.

The successful applicant will have the opportunity to obtain **paid full-time work experience** as a Junior Developer in tandem with their degree, as well as being **offered a two-year fixed-term** contract as a software developer, subject to passing their degree and successfully completing their 51-week work placement\*.

## Scholarship in Software Development



This is open to all **Stage one/first year** undergraduate students studying BSc/BEng Computer Science Professional Experience or BEng Software Engineering with Placement.

## Requirements

Applicants for the Scholarship must be enrolled at Queen's University Belfast at Stage 1 in one of the following degrees:

- **BSc (Hons) Computer Science with Year of Professional Experience**
- **BEng (Hons) Software Engineering With Year of Professional Experience**

**For 10-week placement:**

**By 1st July 2024, students must** have passed all Stage 1 modules.

**The Northern Ireland Assembly Commission reserves the right to only interview those applicants with the highest scores in either of the following modules:**

**CSC1027 Programming Or  
CSC1025 Procedural Programming**

\* Students are requested to note that an essential element to continuing on the Scholarship programme is that they complete their degree within the standard time frame i.e. four years (including placement year). The Scholarship will cease if a Student has to repeat any full academic year.