



## Skyware Global & UCD To Create Jobs For Irish Engineering Talent

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Skyware Global, announced a strategic partnership with University College Dublin to deliver an industry-focused partnership for top engineering and technology students.

The partnership enables students of UCD's School of Electrical, Electronic & Mechanical Engineering to gain applied experience in mechanical and RF engineering in various departments of the multi-national company as part of an internship programme. Skyware Global will be visiting the UCD campus in April to discuss the projects and meet prospective interns for the summer, as well as interview recent graduates as potential full-time hires. The industry partnership aims to provide real-life commercial experience to UCD engineering students and graduates, whilst also seeding Skyware Global with high-potential talent. Skyware Global and UCD engineering are exploring additional collaborations in research and development.

Professor Tom Brazil, Head of Electronic Engineering from UCD commented: "Through this partnership our students will be able to work with Skyware Global's engineering teams based in the UK, Germany and the US on cutting edge satellite technology, gaining valuable industry experience and potentially changing how people around the world communicate. This partnership is an excellent industry fit with our strong Science Foundation Ireland-funded research activity in RF and microwave engineering."

Skyware Global has a proven research and development team with a long-standing reputation in the design and manufacture of leading-edge solutions for satellite broadband antennas and electronic components to cover a wide range of applications. Skyware Global serves the enterprise and electronics markets, as well as the consumer market which includes satellite broadband.

David C. McCourt, CEO of Skyware Global commented, "Tom Brazil and his team are renowned experts in microwave and RF communications, which is why this partnership makes sense for Skyware Global – our own history has shown the effectiveness of academic and commercial partnerships. The capabilities of emerging satellite technologies are about to grow exponentially around the world and hold the promise of potentially resolving the digital divide by giving those that are currently excluded full access. Skyware Global aims to be part of this seismic change and is pleased to be working with UCD to help ensure that their students are at the forefront of innovation."

Over the past two decades, Skyware Global has had a tradition of working with educational institutions in bringing innovative products to market. Some of the European institutions that the company has worked with include the University of Liverpool, Edinburgh University and Lairdsie Laser Engineering Center (a consortium of European universities that specialises in applying laboratory-based laser technologies into replicable industrial methods for manufacturing and commerce).

*Satellite broadband is expected to grow at a rate of approximately 100% year on year, from 1 million satellite broadband customers worldwide today to more than 15 million in the coming years as the technology becomes cheaper and demand grows.*