

Project Management

The Project Management function in Platform Solutions is one of the key enablers towards our ability to deliver our products on schedule and to cost, providing the best possible value and performance for our customers, whilst also maximising shareholder value for the company as a whole. Ultimately, responsibility for delivering the project within the agreed cost and time parameters falls on the Project Manager, and so a graduate Project Manager needs to be highly organised, motivated and at ease with dealing with pressurised situations effectively.

As such, the core responsibility of a graduate Project Manager in Platform Solutions is to help bring together the different stakeholders and contributors to project (whether engineering teams or commercial teams) and coordinate their activities to deliver the world-class capabilities and products we produce at Rochester in Vehicle Systems, Commercial Avionics and Defence Avionics.

To support this activity Platform Solutions has an array of well-established project management processes that help the Project Manager coordinate the running of a project and deliver repeatable and predictable project outcomes for our customers. Through our best practice processes such as Lifecycle Management, Contract Status Reviews, Phase Reviews and the use of GANTT charts containing detailed project plans and milestones the project manager can direct projects to a controlled and successful result.

As well as best practice project management processes, there is a significant support network for graduate Project Managers that seeks to give you the right support to develop your skills as a Project Manager. The key element of this is the 'Project Management Developing You' course which provides new Project Managers with many of the fundamental core skills needed to carry out project management successfully.

The additional appeal of being a graduate Project Manager in Platform Solutions is the sheer number of different and diverse projects it is possible to work on, when compared with other BAE Systems businesses; the variety is extraordinary ranging from complicated development programmes to large support projects. Indeed, as a graduate Project Manager in Platform Solutions you can expect to cycle through a number of different functions and roles during the two years of the graduate scheme which will not only build up your skill base but instil in you the confidence and ability to manage future challenging projects.

Typical projects a Project Manager in Platform Solutions could expect to work on include:

- Harrier, Helmet Mounted Cueing System (HMCS) – helping coordinate the delivery of an Urgent Operational Requirement to front line service personnel.
- Performance Excellence – contribute towards supporting project management through developing world-class processes, training and functional support for the project management function.
- Act as Assistant Project Manager - work on a range of projects from Helmet Mounted Displays to Active Inceptor Sticks supporting the Project Manager.