

Procurement/Supply Chain

The role of a Procurement Graduate can be very varied; ranging from undertaking supplier visits to a more analytical focus of developing procurement strategies.

As part of the Submarine Solutions Supply Chain function you will have the opportunity to act as a buyer for general commodity items as well as major equipment items. You may also find yourself involved in the identification of potential suppliers for future projects, relationship management, partnering agreements, supplier forums, sourcing strategy development, e-procurement, and market analysis. You will be required to work cross-functionally and will work closely with both internal and external individuals and teams.

Individuals who are part of the Supply Chain function are critical in helping the business to ensure that it has the correct materials at the required time, at the best value possible. Procurement professionals should take into account the supplier-customer relationship, delivery, cost and performance.

To assist in career development there is a Chartered Institute of Purchasing and Supply (CIPS) approved learning and development programme, Procurement Developing You (PDY) to enable you to achieve professional recognition. Where a career in Procurement progresses, is largely up to you and your preferences.

Those suited to a role within Procurement should;

- Be effective at building and sustaining relationships
- Have good negotiation skills
- Be willing to challenge the norm
- Have strong analytical abilities
- Be efficient when working under pressure
- Have the ability to work on a number of projects/tasks at once
- Be open to new ways of thinking.

For a graduate to consider working in Procurement/Supply Chain: the candidate could have any degree including engineering with a minimum 2:1 result.