Placement for mining engineering students

Caledon – a small, innovative coal mining company operating the underground Cook Colliery near Blackwater in Central Queensland.

Caledon is offering sponsored placements commencing in late November 2016 to February 2017 for 4 UQ mining students and one UQ metallurgical student who have completed at least three years of the BE (Mining Engineering, Mining and Geotechnical Engineering or Metallurgical Engineering) program. The objective is to provide valuable industry experience for those who have tried, but so far failed to secure any engineering professional practice which is an essential Bachelor of Engineering program milestone.

Note: This is a sponsored placement in an underground coal mine. It is not an employment situation and you therefore will not be paid a wage or salary.

Conditions and Expectations

This is a unique offering in the Australian mining industry.

Caledon will provide:

- Accommodation, with 3 meals a day
- All essential protective clothing
- A small weekly living allowance
- Transport to and from the accommodation to the daily work site
- Site induction
- Training in all tasks expected
- Continual professional supervision
- Input to the selection of student participants
- Together with the selected students and UQ, a review of the program upon completion

UQ will:

- Provide appropriate insurance
- Participate with Caledon in the selection process
- Check on the progress of the students during their placement
- Together with the selected students and Caledon, review the program upon completion
Students will:

- Find their own way to the nominated accommodation the day prior to commencement of the internship; then their own way back to Brisbane, leaving the accommodation the day after their last work shift
- Be given a holiday commencing after the nominated shift on or about 23 December and return to Caledon by the nominated first shift in the new year.
- Present on time for every rostered shift to the location nominated, regardless of the shift time
- Always show for work fit for duties – without influence of alcohol, drugs, fatigue or other impediment
- Work enthusiastically under supervision for the full shift, always abiding by given instructions
- Participate honestly in the review with Caledon and UQ following the completion of the program

Selection Criteria

All applying students must be studying mining or metallurgical engineering at UQ and:

- Have completed at least Year 3 of the BE (Mining Engineering), BE (Mining and Geotechnical Engineering) or BE (Metallurgical Engineering).
- Have seriously tried to gain the necessary industrial experience in the past, but have not been successful through no fault of their own.
- Be willing to accept the conditions of the placement.
- Accept the decision of the selection committee as final.

Students who have fully met the professional practice requirements of the Bachelor of Engineering program at UQ are not eligible for the placement.

Due Date: Friday 16 September 2016

Complete the written application form and submit by email to enquiries@mechmining.uq.edu.au on or before 10:00am on Friday 16 September 2016. Please attach a one page CV/resume to the application.

Late applications may not be considered.

Those students short listed will be expected to participated in an interview on or about Friday 23 September 2016.