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Unipart Named as Top Company for Graduates

Unipart Group has been voted the best in its class for graduates to work for in the transport, logistics and distribution sector by graduates providing reviews on TheJobCrowd site

TheJobCrowd is a graduate recruitment site often described as the ‘TripAdvisor’ for jobs. It hosts thousands of reviews, all written by graduate employees.

Graduates stated that Unipart Group has a “culture, respect, openness and can-do approach to everything” and that their employer “takes huge pride in their graduates”. Unipart graduates said that “getting such a large amount of responsibility, and being put outside of my comfort zone at such an early stage has been brilliant for my development”.

Training and support was scored highly with reviewers commenting on “amazing investment” in training and supporting graduates, “brilliant training opportunities” including “emotional intelligence development”, “training relevant to my job” and a strong emphasis on “lean and six sigma” principles, which underpin The ‘Unipart Way’.

The combination of early and significant responsibility and top-class training and support also translated into excellent ratings for Career Progression. In particular, Unipart’s graduates praised the fact that there is “lots of flexibility on the scheme, and I have been able to try many different roles”.

This flexibility creates the “ability to dictate the direction of my placements” which means that graduates have “the opportunity to work on varied and interesting projects that suit my interests.” As one reviewer summarised: “This separates this Graduate scheme from the rest”.

Unipart won the award for the smaller hire class – reflecting the fact that Unipart makes a great effort to select the very best graduates from many applicants.

Commenting on the award, John Greatrex, Unipart Group HR Director said, "To be recognised as in this way is a true testament to the importance we place in our graduate scheme. We are passionate about people and see our graduates as key to the future of our organisation. It is an essential part of our brand values to encourage our people to have ideas to improve things today and prepare our company for the future by mastering The Unipart Way.

"When we recruit graduates, we see them as the future leaders of our organisation. We look for motivated, engaging and driven individuals, who can lead by example and want to make a difference from day one. In return we offer a series of challenging placements in a specific work stream and stretching training interventions which will accelerate them on their career path here at Unipart."

Keren Mitchell, Managing Director of TheJobCrowd said "Unipart have consistently been well rated by their graduates across the last 4 years of publishing the top companies rankings so it is great to see them coming out top this year. All of the companies in the rankings are actually the best places for graduates to work – not just those companies who have the most recognised employer brands. Students sometimes only look at particularly well-known brands or particular industries when applying for jobs, but it's the companies like Unipart who are best rated by their graduates, where they will have the best experiences".

To read more about what Unipart Group's graduates said about working there, please see: <http://www.thejobcrowd.com/employer/unipart-group>

Ends

* 30 graduates or less a year

About The Unipart Group

The Unipart Group employs around 10,000 people worldwide and has an annual turnover of more than £1billion. It is a leading UK manufacturer, full service logistics provider and consultant in operational excellence. Operating across a range of market sectors, including automotive, manufacturing, mobile telecoms, rail, retail and technology, Unipart offers a breadth of services from third party logistics to expert consultancy.

All Unipart sites operate according to the Group's proprietary version of Lean known as The Unipart Way. This is a philosophy of working underpinned by tools and techniques that inspires efficiency, flexibility and outstanding customer service in any process.

The company, which is based in Oxford in the UK, has a growing number of UK and international sites supporting a wide range of blue chip clients.

Warehousing and logistics sites in the UK include:

- Bermuda Park, Hamilton Way, Nuneaton, Warwickshire
- Magna Park, Vulcan Point, Vulcan Way, Magna Park, Leicestershire
- 5th Avenue Centrum 100, Burton on Trent, Staffordshire

- Ansley Hall Drive, Birch Coppice Business Park, Tamworth, Staffordshire
- Baginton A & B, Siskin Parkway West, Middlemarch Business Park, Baginton, Coventry
- Shinehill Lane, South Littleton, Evesham, Worcestershire
- Cavalry Hill Industrial Estate, Weedon, Northants and
- Garsington Road, Cowley, Oxford

For more information visit: www.unipart.com

About the Unipart Graduate Scheme

The Unipart Graduate Scheme is open to all graduates holding an honours degree and graduates interested in IT, supply chain/logistics or manufacturing//engineering benefit from having a degree in discipline. There are six work streams: Commercial (which includes sales, marketing and bid support), Manufacturing (including engineering), IT, Operations, Supply Chain and Consultancy on Operational Excellence. Graduates are asked to state their work stream preference when applying to join the scheme.

Placements are predominantly based in Unipart's operations in Oxford and across the Midlands, though as an expanding global company there are many opportunities for international travel in certain streams. Graduates are offered a competitive salary, with generous investment in training both whilst on the scheme and during their career with Unipart.