# Press release

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# Mechatronics engineer or business engineer?

**Schunk trainees provide information about training and dual courses of study**

**Heuchelheim/Reiskirchen, September 23, 2017 – You’ve graduated from school – but now what? And what does a good application look like? During the annual Schunk Group training day in Heuchelheim and Reiskirchen, trainees and trainers answered graduates’ questions. Visitors were given insight into the different internship paths, and had the opportunity to participate in an application training course.**

The training day events took place in the training center at Schunk’s Heuchelheim and Wettenberg sites. Those interested in technical internships had the opportunity to see trainees working with CNC-controlled machine tools and using techniques learned during training, such as milling, turning, and grinding. The commercial internship courses were also presented in detail, in the same fashion as the technical courses. Trainees and trainers explained the content of the internships and answered questions.

The dual study program was also an important topic. In a presentation, a student in the program explained the StudiumPlus concept and process, and reported on his experiences. After the lecture, the audience had the opportunity to ask questions. In a further lecture, the students received valuable tips about applications.

At the “do-it-yourself course” visitors explored the training workshop on their own – and entered into discussion with the trainers by way of a questionnaire that they were asked to fill out. The HessenMetall M+E Infotruck offered additional information on professions in the metal and electronics industry.

**Training day at Weiss Technik**

Around 500 young people, including fifteen classes, used the opportunity to find out about skilled trade jobs and degree trainee programs available at Weiss Technik. During the training day, trainees were on hand to answer questions and demonstrate skills learned while training for the various skilled trades. They also gave visitors a tour of the company and explained, for instance, how a refrigeration cycle works. One of the highlights was the “Experiments with a difference” in the field of refrigeration technology which were demonstrated in a climate-controlled test chamber.

The tour included the production areas and the new sheet metal production center. A tour of the training workshop was also offered. HR staff were on hand to answer any questions the prospective applicants may have about training at Weiss Technik and gave tips for a successful job application. The M+E Truck from Hessenmetall was also on site to provide information on further training options in the metal processing and electrical industry.

**Technology company is a large provider of internships**

With a turnover of more than one billion euro, Schunk is one of the largest industrial companies in Mittelhessen, and one of the largest providers of internships in the region. “It is important to us that we inspire young people and, above all, young women to enter the technical professions,” explains human resources manager Steffen Friedrich. “They are quite diverse – the Schunk Group offers a total of 17 different technical and commercial internship courses and four dual bachelor’s programs, as well as a dual master’s degree course.”

Schunk traditionally attaches a particularly high degree of importance to the quality of its internships: in addition to a modern training center and regular in-house classes and seminars, project work and excursions ensure a varied professional education. “Schunk hires trainees who have successfully completed their training and have the requisite personal and professional qualifications to permanent contract positions,” continues Friedrich.

**The application period for 2018 is open**

The application process for 2018 has already begun. Schunk is still offering positions for internships in the following fields: electronics technician for industrial engineering, industrial clerk, industrial ceramist for plant technology, industrial mechanic, mechatronics engineer, process mechanic for plastic and rubber technology, and cutting machine operator. In addition, there is the possibility of enrolling in the dual study courses in business administration, engineering, and business engineering. For further information, please visit: www.schunk-career.com.

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