Kinefac® was founded in 1962 to develop cylindrical die thread rolling machines. In the years since, it has become a world class developer and manufacturer of specialized metal forming, metalworking and processing equipment.

The Kine-Coil/Sleeper Division produces leading edge Micro-Coilers for the production of very small medical coils and other specialized spring making equipment.

Throughout its 50 year history, the success of Kinefac® has been built on a cohesive team of engineers, designers, assemblers and its supporting staff committed to establishing worldwide leadership in its various niche markets.

The company is seeking enthusiastic Graduate and Undergraduate students in Mechanical Engineering, Manufacturing Engineering, and Marketing and Business Majors for research assistance on an exciting new project.

The Foise School of Business students will research the market and will be responsible for providing recommendations for a new technology being developed at Kinefac® and assessing its viability in the future.

The Mechanical Engineering students’ work will involve researching micro-manufacturing processes capable of producing tiny precision grooves less than .001” (.025mm) wide and deep in biocompatible materials. They will then need to identify potential vendors who can perform these processes.

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**ME/MTE/MFE Students:**
1. Interest in the Project
2. Engineering Acuity
3. Basic Research and Organizational Skills
4. Ability to do Internet, Phone, and other basic Searches
5. Knowledge of basic Manufacturing Processes.
6. Presentation Skills
7. Availability Minimum 10 Hrs./Week

**MG/MGE/ETR/MKT/MSM&I/MSOA&M/MBA Students:**
1. Interest in Project
2. Customer Interaction Skills
3. Market Study Skills
4. Basic Research and Organizational Skills
5. Ability to do Internet, Phone, and other basic Searches
6. Presentation Skills
7. Availability Minimum 10 Hrs./Week

*You will work in a team with the goal of providing actionable advice to the company.*

If you are interested please email kinefac@wpi.edu and include a letter explaining why you are a good candidate for one of these positions.

**Undergraduates earn $14 to $18/hour.**
*Initial estimate is 50 hours of work for each student.*

**Graduate/PhDs earn $18 to $22 per hour.**
*Initial estimate is for 50 hours for each student.*

This opportunity is open to all academically qualified students. A non-disclosure agreement is required.

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