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Ex-racing champion to share expertise

DUNDEE STUDENTS BENEFIT FROM SWIFT

THE world's top display driver and former racing champion Russ Swift is to share his expertise with a group of Dundee students.

Mr Swift has been appointed president of the Dundee University Race Innovation and Vehicle Engineering (Drive) team.

He will assist the group as they prepare for next year's Formula Student competition, which challenges teams to design and build a Formula-style racing car.

In this year's competition at Silverstone the team were judged third overall in their class, earning a trip to the Belgian Grand Prix.

The team are hoping Mr Swift's experience and advice will help with their performance at next year's event, which is scheduled to take place at Silverstone in July.

Mr Swift said he is honoured to be part of the team.

"I am delighted and highly

honoured to be asked to be president," he said.

"I hope my achievements over the years will be an inspiration to the students and I look forward to helping them to future success. It will also be a pleasure to add a new dimension to my long and exciting relationship with the team sponsors."

Dr Robert Keatch, head of mechanical engineering at the university, added: "This is a very exciting initiative which gives the students the chance to design, build, test and drive a fully-functional racing car and enhances our current range of activities which already includes robotics, biotechnology, product design and medical devices.

"With someone with the international reputation of Russ Swift becoming involved with the team it can only enhance the stature of the project."

