What are the working conditions?
A millwright has to be prepared to work in any condition: inside or out, clean or dirty, wet or dry, hot or cold. It’s a physical job. Lifting, pushing, pulling, and bending are common. But you are trained in how to do these tasks safely before ever attempting anything like that on a job site. Hardhats, safety glasses, durable clothing and safety shoes are the typical items worn on a job site.

How do I get started?
Your first step is entering an apprenticeship program. The UBC is among the best in North America in apprenticeship training. Your hometown will have a local UBC-affiliated training center close by, with people who can answer any question you have.

What is the pay?
Physical skills are important, but equally essential are thinking and communication skills. You can get a head start on becoming a millwright by taking classes in mathematics, drafting, mechanical drawing, industrial arts, and CAD, and by enrolling in industrial shop.

What is an apprentice?
An apprentice is a person in the process of becoming a skilled millwright through training and experience. Apprentices study both in the classroom and on-the-job, under the guidance of skilled workers of that trade, called journeymen. In most cases, the length of your apprenticeship is four years, and training is free. Apprentices earn a good income and learn a trade—all at once. No school loans to repay!