



**Degree
apprenticeships**

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Today we'll look at

- What are degree apprenticeships
- How do they work?
- University of Exeter degree apprenticeships
- Apprentice profiles
- Future prospects
- How to apply





What are degree apprenticeships?

Apprenticeship levels explained

	Level	Equivalent to
Intermediate	2	GCSE (grades 4-9)
Advanced	3	A level
Higher	4, 5, 6 and 7	Foundation degree and above
Degree	6 and 7	Bachelors or Masters degree

Job sectors

- **Business** (e.g. accounting, marketing, human resources, recruitment, sales)
- **Construction** (e.g. building, plumbing, quantity surveying)
- **Digital and IT** (e.g. information security, software development)
- **Law** (e.g. paralegal, legal executive, solicitor)
- **Healthcare** (e.g. dental nursing, youth work, various NHS roles)
- **Engineering** (e.g. civil/mechanical/electrical engineering)
- **Media** (e.g. journalism, live events, costume design)
- **Finance** (e.g. investment operations, financial services)

Apprenticeship salaries

Aged 16-18	£7.55 per hour (Apprentice rate)
Aged 19 or over and in your first year	£7.55 per hour (Apprentice rate)
Aged 19-20 and have completed first year	£10.00 per hour (National Minimum Wage)
Aged 21 and over and have completed first year	£12.21 per hour (National Living Wage rate)
Aged 23+ and have completed first year	£12.21 per hour (National Living Wage rate)

Many of our apprentices start on much higher than this, e.g. £23,000 per year in London.





How do they work?

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Employers we work with

Over 400, including ...



University of Exeter degree apprenticeships

Programmes suitable for school/college leavers:

- Civil Engineering (BEng)
- Digital and Technology Solutions (BSc)
- Financial Services Professional (BSc)
- Accounting Finance Manager (BSc)
- Operations Manager (CertHE)
- Project Management (BSc)
- Mine Management (BEng)



Civil Engineering (BEng)

- Five-year programme
- Two pathways: Civil Engineering Site Management or Civil Engineer
- Taught in residential blocks on our Streattham campus
- Entry requirements: ABB for A level, including B in maths and science (other qualifications also accepted)



Digital and Technology Solutions (BSc)

- Four-year programme
- Blocks of residential study + online learning
- Entry requirements: BBB for A level (other qualifications also accepted).
- The five special list pathways are: Software Engineering, Data Analysis, IT Business Analysis, IT Consultancy, Cyber Security



Financial Services Professional (BSc)

- Four-year programme
- Industry qualifications from professional bodies (the CISI, the Chartered Banker Institute and the CFA Institute) as part of the programme.
- In-person masterclasses + online activities
- Entry requirements: BBB for A level (other qualifications also accepted). GCSE grade of 6 in Maths and 5 in English



Accounting Finance Manager (BSc)

- Four-year programme
- Apprentices gain a head start by gaining exemptions for further study with ACCA in order to become a Chartered Accountant.
- Typically, applicants will have A-levels (or equivalent) at BBB, entry requirements depend on employer
- Study is varied across the financial service industry



Operations Manager (CertHE)

- 16- 18 months programme
- Approximately 6 hours per week of online learning
- The apprenticeship can be followed in a range of different industries and workplaces.
- School leavers would typically require A levels at CCC or equivalent Level 3 qualification (varies by employer) and/or two years' relevant experience.



Project Management (BSc)

- Three-year programme
- School leavers would typically require A levels at CCC or equivalent Level 3 qualification (varies by employer)
- Professional accreditation with Chartered Management Institute and International Project Management Association
- Aim of course is for graduate to be ready for senior roles



Mine Management (BEng)


- Four-year programme
- Blocks of residential study + online learning

Will achieve:

- If ATE Level 6 Mine Management Degree Apprenticeship
- BEng (Hons) Mining Engineering
- Association of the Camborne School of Mines (ACSM)

- Entry requirements: ABB (no required subjects) + GCSE English and maths at grade 4





Jasneet Grover

Financial Services Apprentice



Apprentice profiles

Molly, Bridge Engineer

“I have amassed five years of direct industry experience and achieved professional accreditation within my industry. I am much more employable and earning a better wage in my position than someone who has complete a full-time degree and gained two years’ industry experience.”



Dimple, Site Engineer

“My role on site often involves applying the ‘soft skills’ I have learnt in the professional studies and project management modules of my degree apprenticeship. As I have progressed within the company, the more technical based knowledge I’ve gained from my university studies has become increasingly relevant and I’ve been able to apply it more often.”



Allaina, AI Engineer

“Honestly, it was a challenge to balance both work and the apprenticeship throughout the four years of the course. My ability to balance the two fluctuated over the years. However, each year I learnt what works for me, so that when the final year arrived, I knew exactly what I needed to do to meet my deadlines and troubleshoot problems that arose.”





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Monday

- Setting up cloud infrastructure for an internal client with a fellow IBMer, pair programming to help each other out

Tuesday

- End of the 2-week sprint, we did a retrospective of what went well and showed our work to the rest of the team

Wednesday

- Planning and starting the next 2 weeks of work, deploying a new service to the clients account to support a new application



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Our Apprentices

Anna

1st year Civil Engineering Degree Apprentice



Future prospects

How to apply

Training providers

- Often promote apprenticeship vacancies they teach
- Vacancies webpage
- Main university programme web pages

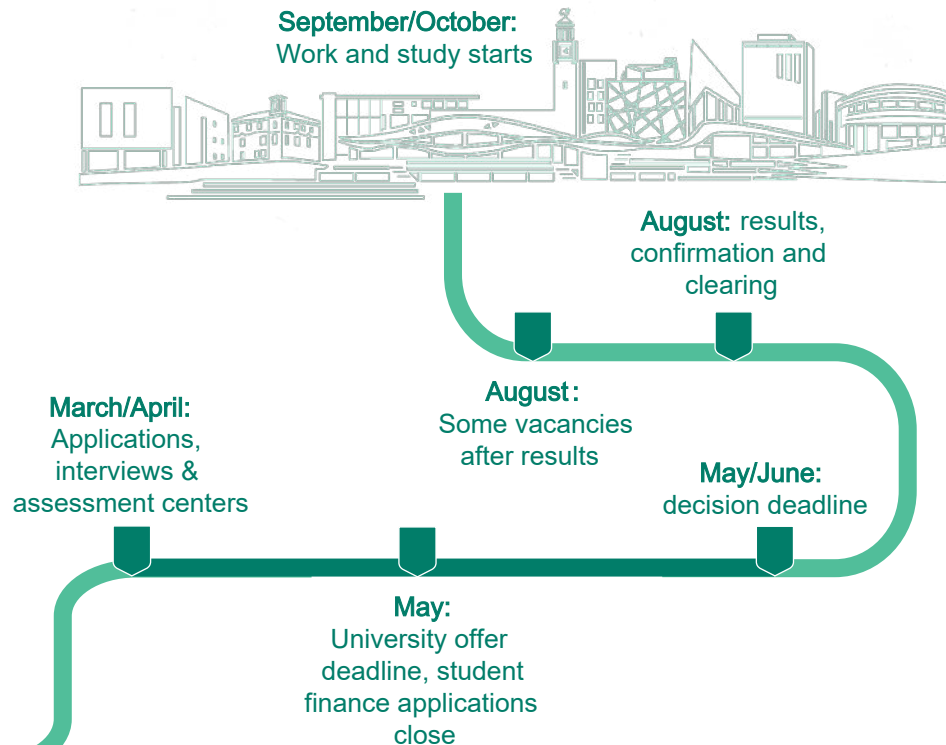
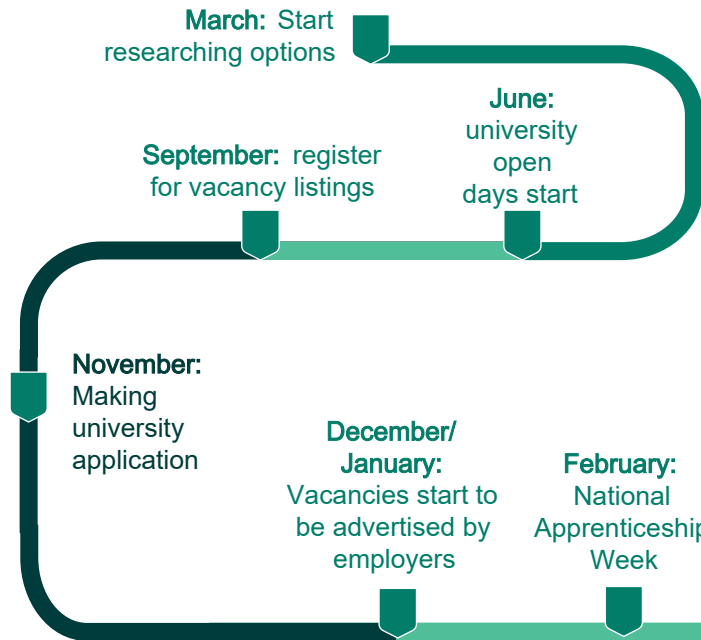
Gov.uk and other search engines

- Search vacancies across country and filter by location, level, sector etc.
- No one comprehensive search engine, so best to combine

Employer websites

- If you know the company you want to work with
- Apply directly through their website

Your journey



Myth versus reality

- Degree apprenticeships are for people that can't get through a 'normal', full -time degree.
 - Full-time degree students get better support, including an academic mentor.
 - To do a degree apprenticeship, you need to live near the university.
 - Degree apprenticeships don't offer the full university experience.
 - Degree apprentices don't learn as much.
- Degree apprenticeships are rigorous and require excellent time management skills.
 - Degree apprenticeships offer as much support, including an academic and employer mentor.
 - Not necessarily! We work with employers all over the country and learning is flexible.
 - Apprenticeships offer residential periods on campus and access to all facilities.
 - Degree apprentices learn a lot *and* gain vital experience.





Questions

Links and resources

- www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship
- www.ucas.com/apprenticeships
- www.amazingapprenticeships.com
- www.exeter.ac.uk/degreeapprenticeships
- www.NotGoingToUni.co.uk



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Topics included:

- Introduction to higher education
- Choosing a course and university
- Considering a competitive university
- UCAS process
- Degree apprenticeships
- Student life
- Considering the University of Exeter
- Student finance
- Personal statement



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