



**DEGREE APPRENTICESHIP AND  
APPRENTICESHIP INFORMATION  
FOR TEACHERS AND ADVISORS**





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### WHAT DEGREE APPRENTICESHIPS DOES THE UNIVERSITY OF EXETER OFFER?

The University of Exeter currently offers four undergraduate level Degree Apprenticeships:

- BEng Civil Engineering
- BSc Digital and Technology Solutions
- BSc Diagnostic Radiographer
- BSc Applied Finance

And two postgraduate level Degree Apprenticeships

- MSc Data Science
- MBA Senior Leader

### HOW LONG IS A DEGREE APPRENTICESHIP?

The length of a Degree Apprenticeship varies depending on the programme chosen.

- BEng Civil Engineering – 5 years
- BSc Digital and Technology Solutions – 4 years
- BSc Diagnostic Radiographer – 3 years
- BSc Applied Finance – 5 years

### HOW DO YOU APPLY FOR A DEGREE APPRENTICESHIP?

Applying for a Degree Apprenticeship does not follow the standard UCAS application process. To gain a place you must apply directly to one of our partner employers. You can apply for a Degree Apprenticeship in addition to making applications to any institution through UCAS.

*Application steps:*

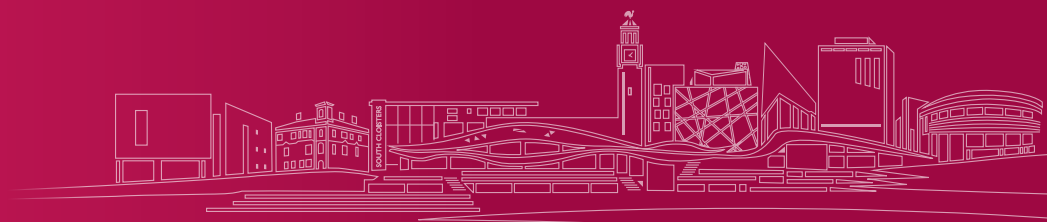
1. Apply through your chosen company's website. You can apply for more than one vacancy.
2. Once you have applied we will review your application, with the company of interest.
3. If you meet our requirements you be invited to an interview.
4. Once your interview is completed, you will receive a notification about whether you have been successful.
5. If you have been successful you will be offered a position as an apprentice with the company. Your place will be confirmed by us, and we will send further information about how to enrol as a student.
6. If you have not been successful this time, do not worry! Keep an eye out for other opportunities.

*View our current vacancies: [exeter.ac.uk/degreeapprenticeships/vacancies/](https://exeter.ac.uk/degreeapprenticeships/vacancies/)*

### HOW OFTEN DOES A STUDENT ON A DEGREE APPRENTICESHIP VISIT THE UNIVERSITY OF EXETER WHILST ON THE COURSE?

This also varies depending on the programme chosen.

- BEng Civil Engineering – four two-week study blocks each year
- BSc Digital and Technology Solutions – three short weeks of residential teaching
- BSc Diagnostic Radiographer – five days, three times each year
- BSc Applied Finance – an initial visit at the beginning of the programme with the majority of the face-to-face teaching delivered at your place of work.



## HOW MANY STUDENTS ARE IN EACH COHORT?

Again this varies by programme but no more than 80 students are taken into any cohort with most programmes having smaller cohorts

## WHAT ARE THE DEGREE APPRENTICESHIP ENTRY REQUIREMENTS?

Our Degree Apprenticeship entry requirements are equivalent to those for on-campus degrees. Please see our individual Degree Apprenticeship programme web pages for details of specific entry requirements. Whilst a degree apprenticeship is an alternative to a traditional degree is not an easier option.

## WHAT TYPE OF STUDENT ARE WE LOOKING FOR?

You can expect to be stretched and challenged, but supported throughout your apprenticeship as you focus on building knowledge, skills and experiences. Our Degree Apprenticeships are exciting and demanding, so we're looking for exceptional, engaged and motivated people who are passionate about their chosen industry. We expect strong communicators, team players and a desire to learn both in the classroom and on the job. You'll need to set yourself high standards and be able to juggle the pressures of both work and study.

## WHERE CAN I FIND MORE INFORMATION?

Please visit our Degree Apprenticeships website for more information on Degree Apprenticeships as well as to hear from students and employers about their experiences of degree apprenticeships: [exeter.ac.uk/degreeapprenticeships/pupils/](http://exeter.ac.uk/degreeapprenticeships/pupils/)



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## WHAT IS AN APPRENTICESHIP?

An Apprenticeship is a real job with training. It allows trainees to earn while they learn alongside gaining a nationally recognised qualification.

## WHAT ARE THE APPRENTICESHIP LEVELS?

There are four levels of Apprenticeship available

- Intermediate Apprenticeship (level 2)
- Advanced Apprenticeship (level 3)
- Higher Apprenticeship (level 4 or 5)
- Degree Apprenticeship (level 6 or 7)

## IS THE TERM 'APPRENTICE' USED IN THE JOB TITLE?

Not always. Job titles are set by each employer.





## DO THE APPRENTICES HAVE TIME OFF WORK TO STUDY?

A requirement of each apprenticeship standard is that the apprentices have 20 per cent of their total contracted hours allocated to 'off the job' learning. A range of activities will qualify as this including pre reading, masterclass attendance and assessment writing and working on assignments and projects..

## TYPES OF APPRENTICESHIPS

Most job sectors offer apprenticeship opportunities in the UK, with a wide range of specific roles within each, these include:

- Business apprenticeships: Roles such as accounting, marketing, people/HR administration, recruitment and sales.
- Construction apprenticeships: Roles such as building, plumbing and quantity surveying.
- IT apprenticeships: Roles such as information security and software development.
- Law apprenticeships: Offered at paralegal, legal executive or solicitor level.
- Healthcare apprenticeships: Roles such as dental, nursing and youth work, as well as NHS apprenticeships.
- Engineering apprenticeships: Roles such as civil engineering, mechanical engineering and electrical engineering.
- Media apprenticeships: Roles such as journalism, live events and costume design.
- Finance: Roles such as investment operations and financial services professional.

## HOW MUCH DO APPRENTICES EARN?

The minimum apprentices are entitled to depends on age and length of time on a programme. Starting at £4.15 (as of April 2020) per hour if an apprentice is under 19, or in their first year. This rises to £6.45 in the second year for those aged 18 to 20, then to £8.20 for 21-24-year-olds, and then up to £8.72 if they are over 25.

### As of April 2020

Apprentice = £4.15

Under 18 = £4.55

18 – 20 = £6.45

21 – 24 = £8.20

25+ = £8.72

Employers are free to pay above the new wage and many do so. Employers must ensure they are paying at least the National Minimum Wage.

The average weekly wage for an apprentice is around £200, dependant on the sector, region and apprenticeship level.

## WHAT IS THE INSTITUTE OF APPRENTICESHIPS?

The Institute of Apprenticeships and Technical Education (IFATE) is an independent employer-led body who regulate the quality of apprenticeships. The IFATE undertakes quality and approval functions in relation to apprenticeship standards and assessment plans. They are responsible for assessing the quality of the end-point assessment for each apprenticeship and advise Government of funding allocations for each apprenticeship standard.

## THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN AN APPRENTICESHIP AND AN INTERNSHIP

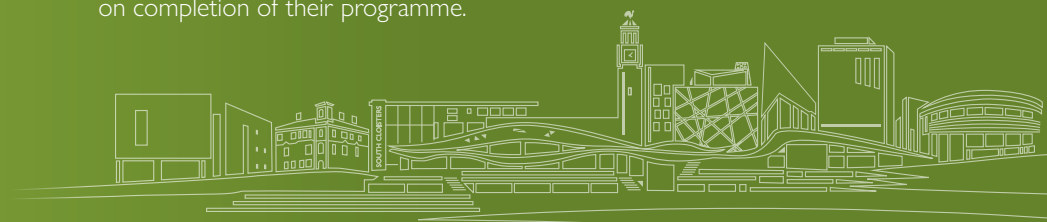
The terms 'apprenticeship' and 'internship' are sometimes mistakenly used interchangeably.

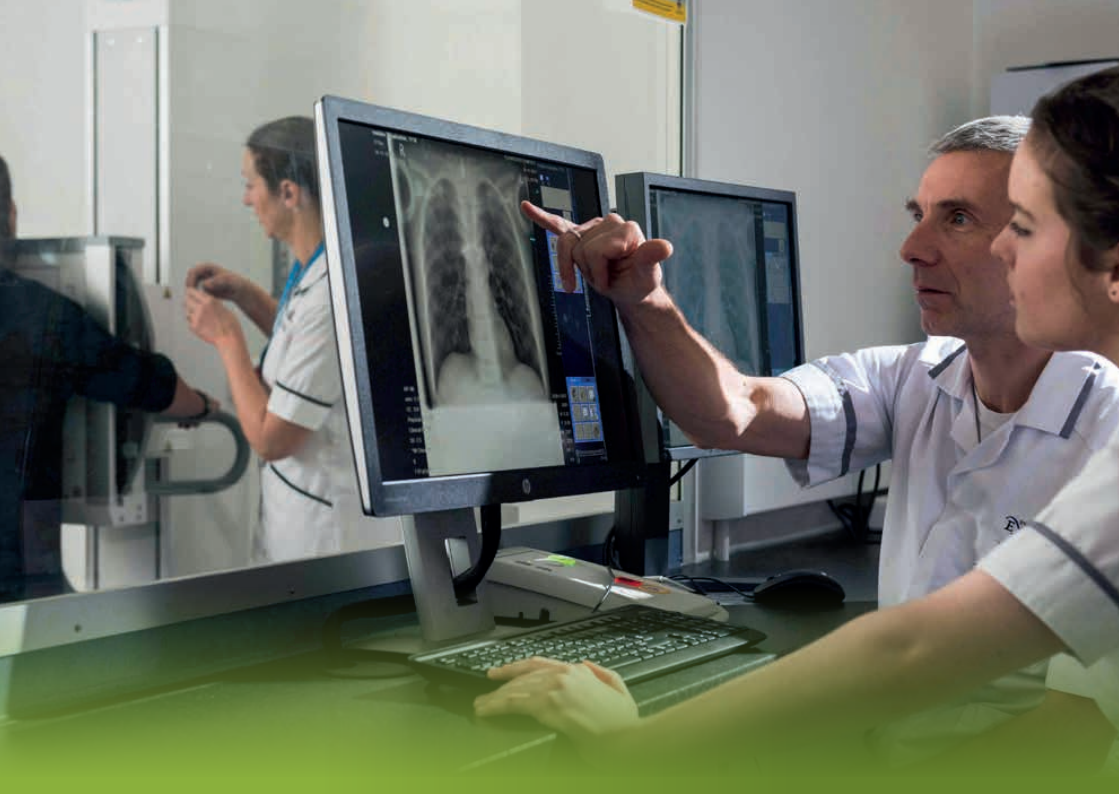
### Apprenticeships are:

- Formal employment programmes with an employment contract.
- Long-term, taking between one and four years to complete.
- More suited to those with a clear idea of what sector they'd like to work in and what career path they'd like to follow.
- Commonly undertaken by school leavers.
- Designed to provide specific work-based training. Apprentices learn by doing the job.
- A way for apprentices to gain formal qualifications such as NVQs, foundation degrees and even masters level qualifications.
- Paid, at the very least at National Minimum Wage
- A direct route to employment, with the majority of apprentices guaranteed a job on completion of their programme.

### Internships are:

- Informal arrangements, more often than not no employment contracts are signed.
- Short-term, lasting between one week and 12 months.
- Geared towards providing an insight to those who may be unsure of what career direction to take.
- Typically undertaken by students and graduates.
- Work-based learning opportunities, which focus more on supplying interns with transferrable skills and experience for their CV rather than job-specific skills or formal qualifications
- Temporary, with no guarantee of employment on completion.





The University of Exeter is able to deliver workshops and presentations aimed at introducing our portfolio of Degree Apprenticeships to students.

Please visit [exeter.ac.uk/teachers](https://www.exeter.ac.uk/teachers) for further information and to make a booking.

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