

Degree Apprenticeships

Vicky Glazer, School & Engagement Officer



What are Degree Apprenticeships?

Degree Apprenticeships offer a way of obtaining an apprenticeship qualification and a University award whilst gaining valuable work experience.

- Combine working with training at university
- Students are a full-time, salaried employee
- **No tuition fees!** Students can enjoy a fully-funded learning experience.



What programmes are available?

- Engineering: civil, aerospace, software, automotive, electronic
- Business Management
- Digital and Technology
- Financial Services
- Public Relations
- Surveying
- Medical professions: diagnostic radiography
- Construction



What programmes are available?

Digital and Technology Solutions (BSc):

- Partners include IBM, Renishaw, BT, Met Office and many more...
- Specialisms including Software Engineering, Cyber Security, Data Analysis and IT and Business Consulting
- Syllabus is accredited by [Tech Partnership Gold](#) and the British Computer Society



Civil Engineering (BEng):

- Fast-track your career towards Chartership
- Two pathways: consultancy or contracting
- Working on major infrastructure projects such as Hinkley Point C



How does it work?

You will be a full-time employee, studying towards an apprenticeship standard, and a University degree.

Apprentices on level 6 (degree-level) apprenticeships can earn a starting salary of up to £22,000 a year.

- Delivery models vary between programmes – blended learning, block release, online interaction
- Work done in your business contributes to your learning. Apprentices are required to spend at least 20% of their total time on 'off-the-job training'. How this is structured will depend on your programme and employer.
- Mentors support you throughout the programme – University and employer mentors
- Access to the same support as any other University of Exeter student, including the Students' Guild, library, societies, facilities.



Course Structure

Study blocks

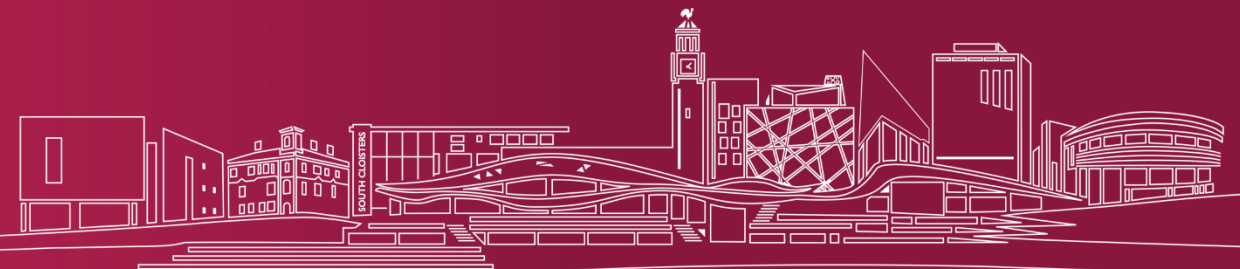
- Held at the University's Campuses in Exeter
- Brings all apprentices together from across the country.
- Study block structure varies by programme:
 - **Civil engineering:** Two week study blocks four times a year
 - **Digital and Technology Solutions:** Week long blocks three times a year, plus weekly online learning activities
 - **Applied Finance:** One day masterclasses once a month, weekly webinars and online learning activities

During study blocks you will meet with fellow apprentices, and spend time with your academic mentor.

E-learning

- Include lectures, seminars and online collaborative work
- Undertaken through the University's electronic learning environment.

E-learning supplements and furthers the learning begun during study blocks and provides academic support for ongoing projects in the workplace.



What do Apprentices do?

- As an apprentice you will undertake a wide variety of tasks.
- Some employers may rotate roles between departments.
- You will be working as part of a team
- You will have real responsibility giving you hands-on, vocational training every day.
- At work you will be supported by your line manager and mentor.

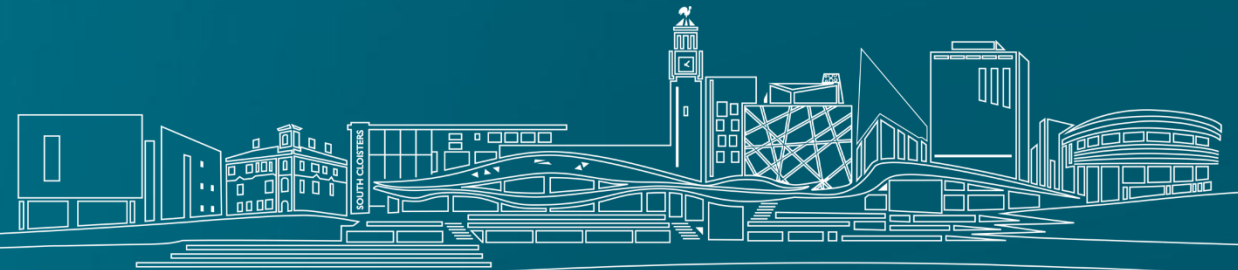
Current apprentices are working on exciting projects such as:

- Helping to build Hinkley Point Nuclear Power Station
- Supporting international investment portfolios at JP Morgan
- Supporting the UK's weather prediction systems at the Met Office



“I've always had a keen interest in technology, but also business, and the programme allows me to develop my skills and learn more about how the two fields closely rely on each other. I'm confident that the range of topics covered in the teaching, as well as my placements at work, will set me up for a strong career.”

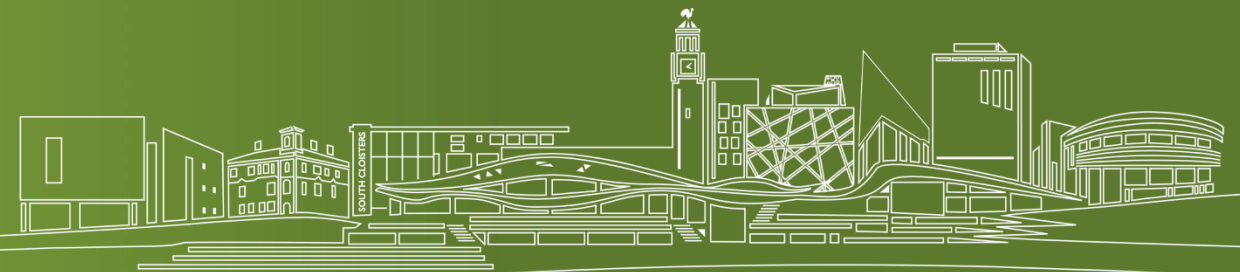
Harley, Digital and Technology Solutions Degree Apprentice working at Rolls Royce



Myth  **or**  **Reality**

Student Experience

- Degree Apprenticeships are easier programmes for people that cannot get through the 'usual' degree.
- Regular students get better support.
- You will not have academic mentor support as other students do.
- I am not going to learn enough not being at university.
- It is a tough programme! You will have to develop time management skills very quickly.
- Same support as a regular students from University, plus employer support.
- Study block periods on campus and access to the Students Guild.
- Academic and employer mentors follow each students from day one.
- Earning, learning, no debt!



UNIVERSITY OF
EXETER



Anna

1st year Civil Engineering Degree Apprentice

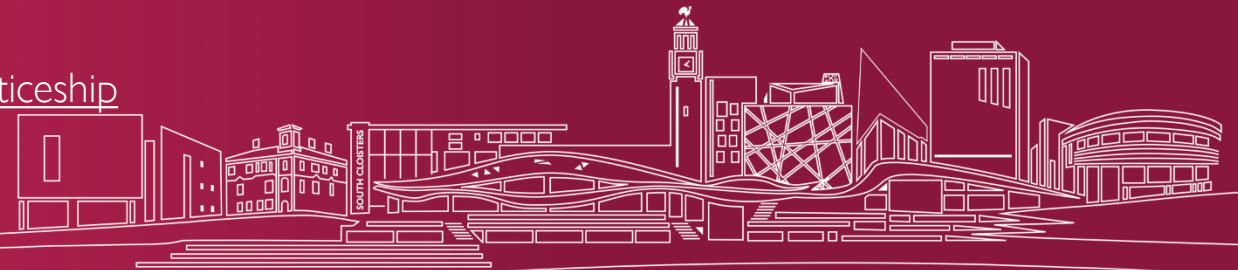
Future prospects

- As an apprentice you are already a valued member of an organisation.
- Businesses invest in developing their apprentices and will likely want to keep their investment once their apprentices complete their studies.
- Four to five years of industry experience gained - which is extremely valuable for moving around the sector or developing your own company.



Application process

- NOT routed through UCAS – a sixth choice.
- Applications are led by employers: Universities signpost to opportunities.
- Employers recruit at different times throughout the year.
- Entry requirements are equivalent to other degree programmes.
- Application and interview processes vary.
- See also:
 - Find an Apprenticeship service: [gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship](https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship)
 - UCAS: careersfinder.ucas.com/jobs/apprenticeship/



More information

exeter.ac.uk/degreeapprenticeships/apprentices/



UNIVERSITY OF
EXETER

DISCOVER
UNIVERSITY

 @DiscoverUniExe

 @DiscoverUniExe

exeter.ac.uk/discoveruniversity