



APPRENTICESHIP SUMMER SCHOOL



The Sutton Trust Apprenticeship Summer School is a new programme being launched in 2020 and will be delivered digitally this year. A key area of focus for the Trust is ensuring young people from less advantaged backgrounds have access to high-quality degree-level apprenticeships.

Teachers are a key support for the programme, identifying suitable students, supporting students to apply and verifying applications.

We hope the following information will be useful in supporting you with these activities.

What are degree-level apprenticeships?

An apprenticeship at any level is a job with training and the development of transferable skills. Apprentices can earn a salary whilst working, develop specific workforce skills and acquire practical knowledge that they can apply daily, all reasons that are contributing to their increasing popularity.

Degree apprenticeships: Degree apprenticeships are a specific type of apprenticeship at level 6 or 7 which combine higher-level education with work, giving apprentices substantial work experience and a degree once they complete their apprenticeship.

Other degree-level apprenticeships: Degree-level apprenticeships are higher apprenticeships at level 6 or 7, equivalent to a Bachelor's or a Master's degree that include a work-based, a combined qualification or a professional qualification relevant to the industry at the equivalent level of a degree.

With no tuition fees to pay it provides the opportunity to graduate with no tuition-fee debt, an obvious reason as to why the number of degree-level apprenticeships are steadily increasing.

What is the Apprenticeship Summer School (Digital)?

The programme is a three-day digital programme for up to 100 young people from across the UK, taking place on 13 – 15 July. We will be working with Amazing Apprenticeships, employers and current apprentices to deliver sessions to young people to give students an introduction to degree-level apprenticeships across a variety of sectors.

Specifically, the programme will aim to:

- Increase awareness of degree-level apprenticeships amongst high attaining students from less advantaged backgrounds
- Upskill students in how to find opportunities, make successful applications and inform students what apprentice life may be like

How to select students

The Sutton Trust is a social mobility charity. We are looking to work with high-achieving students who face additional barriers to accessing leading apprenticeships.

To apply for the programme students **must**:

- Be in Year 12 in England and Wales, Year 13 in Northern Ireland, or S5 in Scotland
- Have always attended a UK state-funded school/college (non-fee paying)

We will then consider the following criteria when offering places. **The more of these criteria a student meets the more likely they are to gain a place on the programme:**

- Have achieved at least five A or 6 grades at GCSE, or five A or B passes at National 5
- Have parents who have not been to university
- Attend a school or college which has a below-average A-level or higher point score and/or an above average free school meal status
- Have been eligible for free school meals
- Live in a neighbourhood with a low rate of progression to higher education and/or a high level of socio-economic deprivation – to do this, the Trust looks at an applicant's postcode and matches it to a variety of data sets, including Polar3 and ACORN

The Sutton Trust will make the final decision on applications.

Employer partners are key to the delivery of sessions that students will attend and below you can see a range of the employers who are involved with the programme.

We hope you find this additional information useful but if you or your students have any additional questions please get in touch with us at: applications@suttontrust.com.

