



What is a Degree Apprenticeship?

Grace (she/her)





INTRODUCTION

Who are we?

Schools & College Team at
Sheffield Hallam



WHERE ARE WE?

Drive time distance

Train ride distance

Get to know Sheffield



WHERE WE ARE



OUR COURSES

ACCOUNTING,
BANKING AND
FINANCE

ACTING,
SCREENWRITING
AND FILM

ARCHITECTURE

ART AND DESIGN

BIOSCIENCES
AND CHEMISTRY

BUSINESS,
MANAGEMENT
AND ENTERPRISE

COMPUTING

CONSTRUCTION,
REAL ESTATE
AND SURVEYING

CRIMINOLOGY

DIAGNOSTIC
RADIOGRAPHY

DIGITAL MEDIA

ECONOMICS

ENGINEERING

ENGLISH

EVENT
MANAGEMENT

FOOD AND
NUTRITION

GEOGRAPHY AND
ENVIRONMENT

HEALTH AND
SOCIAL CARE

HISTORY

LANGUAGES

LAW

MARKETING

MATHEMATICS

MEDIA PR AND
JOURNALISM

NURSING AND
MIDWIFERY

OCCUPATIONAL
THERAPY

OPERATING
DEPARTMENT
PRACTICE

PARAMEDIC
SCIENCE

PHYSICS

PHYSIOTHERAPY

PSYCHOLOGY

RADIOTHERAPY
AND ONCOLOGY

SOCIAL WORK

SOCIOLOGY AND
POLITICS

SPORT AND
PHYSICAL
ACTIVITY

TEACHING
EDUCATION AND
CHILDHOOD
STUDIES

TOURISM AND
HOSPITALITY

WHAT CAN YOU STUDY?

We offer a wide range of undergraduate courses across dozens of subjects, as well as foundation years and degree apprenticeships.

In fact, our degree apprenticeship portfolio is one of the widest in the country!

Popular DA subjects include STEM, Computing & Tech, Engineering, Construction, and Management

What will we cover today?

1. What is a Degree Apprenticeship?
2. Is a Degree Apprenticeship right for me?
3. How do I apply for a Degree Apprenticeship?
4. Where can I find further support & guidance?

Skills Builder





HANDS UP IF...



You're considering a degree apprenticeship?

You've already had a look at degree apprenticeship vacancies?

You're unsure what route to take after sixth form or college?

You think you'd like to pursue another route e.g., university

University –
e.g., Undergraduate Degree

University –
e.g., Foundation Year

Higher Education

Work-Based Route
e.g., Degree Apprenticeship

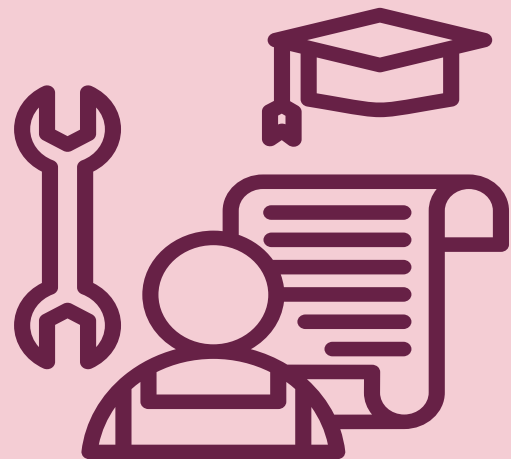
A Higher Technical
Qualification (HTQ)



Degree Apprenticeships

What is it?

A primarily work based apprenticeship (80%) with some study towards a degree (20%).



How do I apply?

Apply directly to an employer, one application per vacancy.

You do not apply through UCAS.



Is it different to uni?

Hands on learning; earn a wage; no student loan.

Importantly – you still earn a degree!



Degree Apprenticeship vs Standard Apprenticeship?

Apprenticeships aren't a new concept - paid developmental roles have always existed.

Degree apprenticeships are relatively new (2015).
The core concept remains the same, but the complexity differs.

Apprenticeship Levels

Level 2



GCSE equivalent.
Roles such as junior estate agent & finance assistant.

Level 3



A-Level equivalent.
Roles such as chef, IT technician, fashion assistant.

Level 4-5

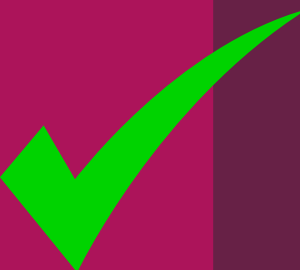


Foundation degree equivalent.
Roles such as clinical dental technician & data analyst.

Level 6-7



Degree level equivalent.
Roles such as aerospace engineer, ecologist, accountant.



Degree Apprenticeships at SHU



**Architecture &
Planning**



**Construction &
Surveying**



**Digital & Tech
Solutions**



**Design &
Creative**



Engineering



Food & Drink



**Health & Social
Care**



**Leadership &
Management**



Policing



**Supply Chain &
Packaging**

Degree Apprenticeships: Is It Right For Me?

Chat to the people around you

What are the advantages of completing a degree apprenticeship?

Do you think there are any disadvantages? If so, what?



Degree Apprenticeships: Advantages & Disadvantages

- ☒ On-the-job training – learn practically
- ☒ Earn while you learn – starting salaries on average £18,000
- ☒ Upskill for free - no student loan, employer covers the cost
- ☒ Kickstart your career – and retain your job after finishing your degree
- ☒ Flexible way to learn, through a blend of practice and theory

Degree Apprenticeships: Advantages & Disadvantages



Competitive – limited vacancies and anyone over 18 can apply.



Demanding – work must be balancing along study.



A-typical uni experience – limited access to traditional student life.



Financial implications – no student loan entitlement, consideration of living / commuting / housing costs needed.

Managing Your Time - An Example Week

Typical Week					
Degree Apprenticeship - Quantity Surveying					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
09:00:00	Work - Project 1	Lecture	Work- Project 3	Work- Project 2	Work- Project 5- On Site
10:00:00		Lecture			
11:00:00		Seminar			
12:00:00		Seminar			
13:00:00	Lunch	Lunch- Out	Lunch	Lunch- Out	Lunch- Out
14:00:00	Work- Project 2	Seminar	Work - Project 1	Work- Project 5	Work - Project 4
15:00:00		Lecture			
16:00:00		Seminar			
17:00:00		Seminar			
18:00:00	Family meal	Lecture	Sport	Uni work	Meal out with friends
19:00:00		Netflix			
20:00:00					
21:00:00					

Applying for degree apprenticeship vacancies

→ How do I apply?

Directly to the employer - CV, cover letter, interview.
Vacancies can go live at any time.

→ What are the entry criteria?

Varies by employer, but tracks in line with typical degree courses - (112-128 UCAS points).

→ When do apprenticeships start?

Depends on the company – no fixed start date.
DAs are typically 3 years in length – but can be longer.





Research your
chosen company



Start writing
early!

Applications Tips



Proof-read your
work



Be proactive &
ask for feedback



Highlight your
achievements

Practical Support: Finding A Degree Apprenticeship Vacancy

Vacancies for Degree Apprenticeships can be found in many places.

Remember – you do not apply through UCAS!

Find an Apprenticeship (Government website)

UCAS Apprenticeship Search

Individual employers' websites

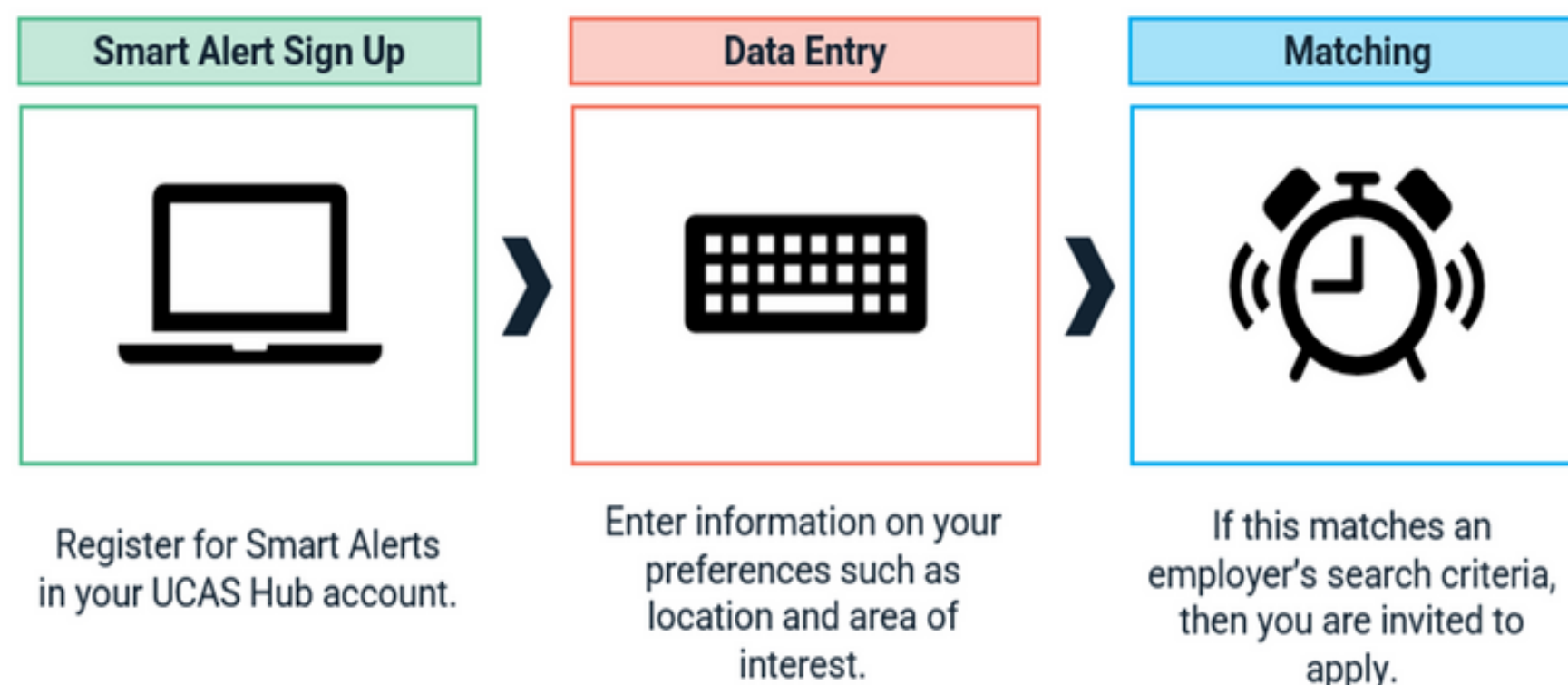
Level 6



Vacancy Support: Using UCAS Smart Alerts

Get linked to apprenticeship opportunities direct to your inbox

When you register on ucas.com for the first time or access your UCAS Hub account, you can sign up to be linked to relevant apprenticeship opportunities that match your profile.



UCAS

Vacancy matching service

Indicate preferences
e.g., location / role,
by building your
UCAS profile

UCAS account
required

Our Top Takeaways

1

Research your options

2

Look for opportunities

3

Optimise your CV

4

Get feedback and support





Do you have any questions?



WHAT IS SHU PROGRESS?

- Hallam's support scheme for applicants whose personal circumstances may mean there are barriers to going to university.

WHAT CAN YOU GET?

A personal contact at the university

Application & interview support

Exclusive updates & access to university events

Travel cost support

A contextual offer* and additional consideration during the Admissions process

WHO CAN APPLY?

Care leavers

Care experienced students

Carers

Mature students

Black British background

Disability

Refugees &
Asylum Seekers

Homeless, or at risk of
homelessness

Financial
hardship

Military veteran
/ military family

Disrupted or impacted
Level 3 studies

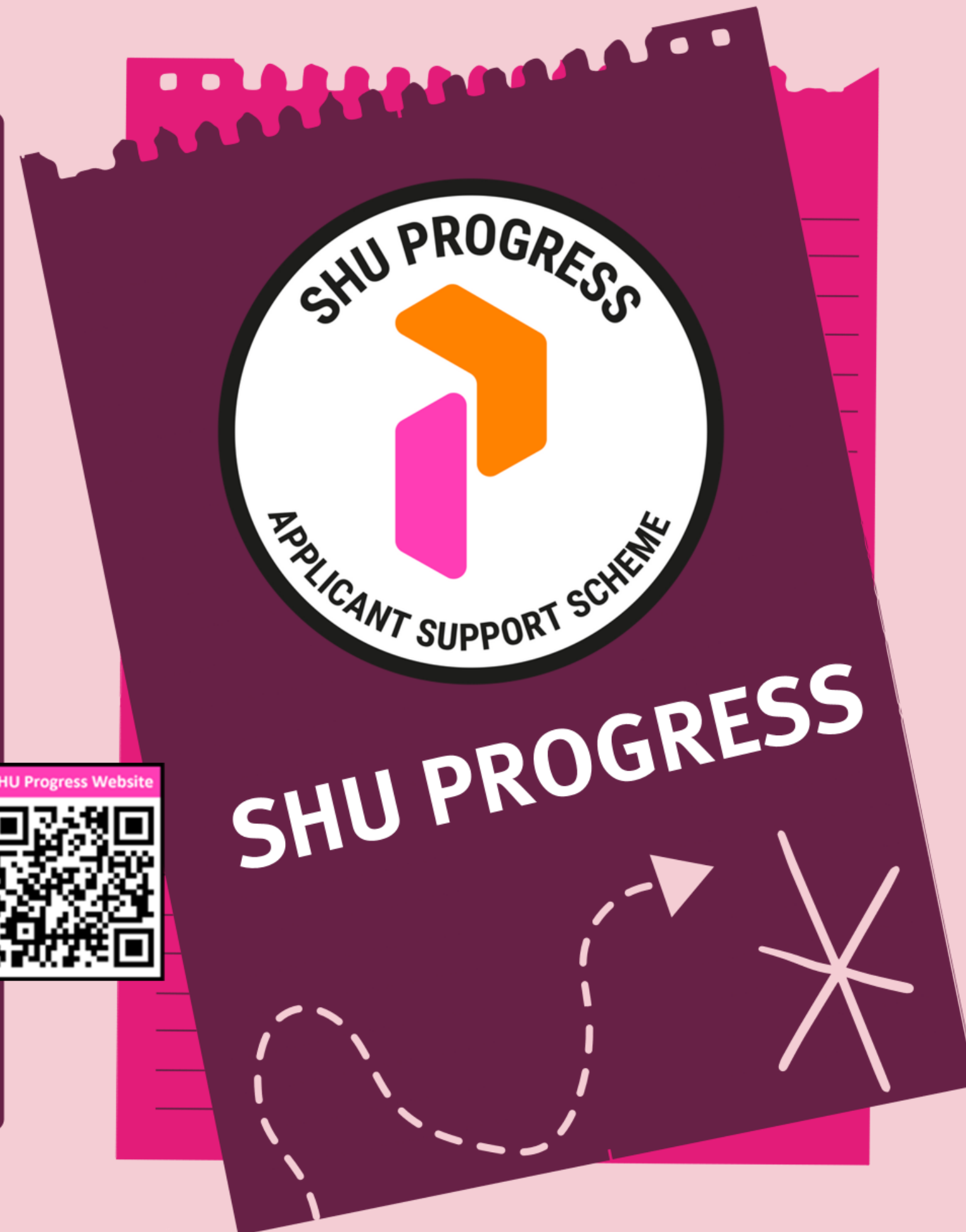
Estranged
student

HOW DO I JOIN?

- Ask a professional who knows you well to complete the nomination form here.



Contact: SHU-Progress@shu.ac.uk / 0114 225 4777



FIND OUT MORE...

OPEN DAYS



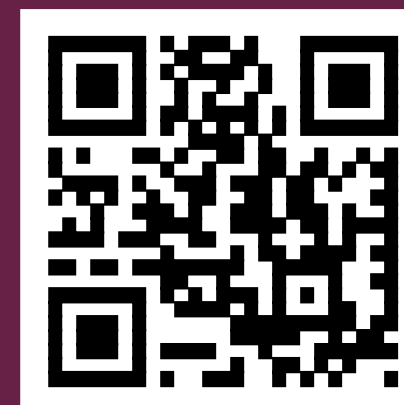
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staff to find out more
about life at Sheffield
Hallam

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