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LEVEL 6 SOCIAL RESEARCHER DEGREE APPRENTICESHIP



Social Researcher Degree Apprenticeship

Information for employers

Who is the course for?

This course prepares individuals to become skilled social researchers. Apprentices will gain expertise in planning and designing research studies, conducting research, analysing data, drawing conclusions, managing projects and writing comprehensive reports. The course has been developed in collaboration with employers, academic experts and industry professionals to meet the evolving needs of the social research sector.

Qualifications awarded

Upon successful completion, apprentices will be awarded a BA (Hons) Applied Social Research (Social Researcher) degree.

Related apprenticeship standard:

- Level 6 Social Researcher v1.0 (ST1341) [Apprenticeships standard link](#)

Course duration and structure

The course is designed to be completed over four years on a part-time basis. Apprentices dedicate a minimum of six hours per week to off-the-job learning. In addition, academic learning is directly applied in the workplace, providing valuable on-the-job experience.

Start dates

The course has a single annual intake each September. The next cohort is scheduled to begin on 15 September 2025, starting with a residential block week at the University's Canterbury campus.

Entry requirements

There are no specific academic entry requirements. However, applicants must have the support of their employer to enrol in this degree apprenticeship.

Learning approach

The course blends theoretical learning with practical application, using a variety of delivery methods:

- **Annual residential week** A five-day intensive teaching block held every September at the Canterbury campus
- **Workshops and practical sessions** Full-day face-to-face sessions held three times a year in London, focusing on skill development
- **Weekly online classes** Interactive group sessions to discuss and analyse course material
- **Guided self-study** Access to our comprehensive digital learning environment for directed research and study
- **Individual tutorials** One-on-one support sessions to provide personalised guidance and feedback.



Assessment methods

Apprentices' progress will be assessed through a diverse range of activities, including:

- individual assignments
- group projects
- online quizzes
- presentations
- work-based projects (whenever possible, these will be tailored to the apprentice's workplace).

Course modules

The degree comprehensively covers the knowledge and skills that social research graduates need, structured across four years.

Year 1

- Becoming a Social Researcher
- Reading Social Research
- Introduction to Fieldwork and Data Collection
- Introduction to Qualitative and Quantitative Analysis

Year 2

- Reporting and Communicating Research
- Concepts and Measurements in Social Research
- Survey Design and Fieldwork for Complex Surveys
- Advanced Qualitative Analysis
- Evidence-Led Policy-Making

Year 3

- Applied Statistical Analysis
- Evaluation Methods
- Recent Innovations in Social Research
- Research, Ethics, and Impact
- Writing a Research Proposal

Year 4

- Leading and Managing a Research Project
- Commissioning Research
- End-Point Assessment

Fees and funding

The total course fee is £24,000.


This degree apprenticeship is eligible for funding through the apprenticeship levy, making it a cost-effective way to upskill your workforce.

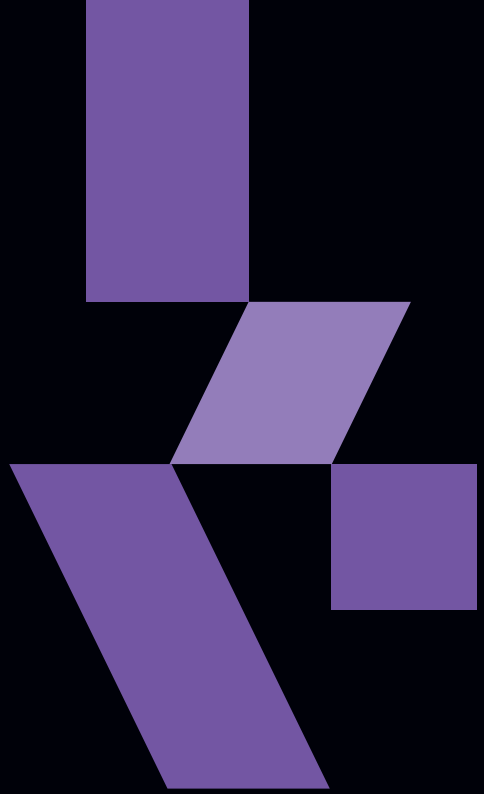
Next steps

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