



Next Steps Newsletter

Current opportunities

Apprenticeships with Canopius: learn while you earn



Apprenticeships offer a great alternative to university for those who want to 'earn as they learn'. All of our apprenticeship placements are permanent roles, so there is no need to worry about finding a job when the apprenticeship comes to an end.

Apprentices study for nationally recognised qualifications in the UK – a Canopius apprenticeship gives you the opportunity to work for a great company while learning new skills and setting yourself for a long and successful career in professional and financial services.

We are a specialty (re)insurance company, so offer apprenticeships to those who wish to write insurance policies as an underwriter. But as an international business with hundreds of employees, we have many departments and opportunities for people looking for careers in any number of fields, from finance to HR.

<https://www.canopius.com/careers-with-canopius/apprenticeships-with-canopius/>

Here are the links where students can read more about each opportunity and apply:

Claims Apprenticeship: <https://link.sanctuarygraduates.co.uk/ey3H>

IT Apprenticeship: <https://link.sanctuarygraduates.co.uk/gLul>

Operations Apprenticeship: <https://link.sanctuarygraduates.co.uk/X43I>

Underwriting Apprenticeship: <https://link.sanctuarygraduates.co.uk/8PqD>

Finance Apprenticeship: <https://link.sanctuarygraduates.co.uk/2dww>

Change Apprenticeship: <https://link.sanctuarygraduates.co.uk/8vUX>

Data Apprenticeship: <https://link.sanctuarygraduates.co.uk/UH7Z>

Group Apprenticeship: <https://link.sanctuarygraduates.co.uk/0Umv>

Spence Agricultural Scholarship



The Spence Agricultural Scholarship grants recipients £5,000 a year for three or four consecutive years, whilst studying at university. The scholarship was launched in recognition of the work of John Spence, a former Senior Warden of the Trust, and reflects the educational aims of the charity to support agricultural education in addition to its long-standing work within civil engineering education.

The scholarship was first awarded for the 2018/19 academic year, and scholars must have passed each year of study at their first attempt and provide a report to the Rochester Bridge Trust on their academic and other achievements at the end of each academic year.

The scholarship is available to Year 13 students intending to study for a BSc Hons in England or Wales:

Agriculture

Agriculture and Crop Science

Agriculture and Livestock Science

Integrated Agricultural Business Management

Integrated Agricultural Business Management with Industrial Placement Award

Agricultural Engineering

The qualifying areas are Medway, Kent, London Boroughs of Bexley and Bromley, Cambridgeshire, Lincolnshire, and West Yorkshire. Students must live or study in one of these areas at the time of their application.

Potential students, who are aged 17 or 18 and studying in Year 13, who wish to apply for the scholarship must submit a personal statement (maximum of 750 words) and a one-minute video explaining why they wish to study agriculture and how they might use the scholarships.

For the duration of their three or four-year degree course, the Trust provides financial and practical support for the scholars, and seeks to organise unique enrichment opportunities, thanks to its strong connections with agricultural producers and affiliated organisations within the industry.

Scholars are also invited to support significant events in the agricultural calendar such as the Kent County Show and the educational Living Land Show. This is to further engage and enthuse young people in understanding more about how much we all rely on agriculture and the farmers, scientists and engineers who make it happen.

Further details and how to apply can be found at <https://rbt.org.uk/grants/spence-agricultural-scholarship/>

Kent Radio's Media Lab hands-on experience



Our Media Lab is inviting students to spend an hour at a real radio station, participating in a workshop designed to introduce them to the exciting careers available in radio and TV. These workshops are offered during weekends, after school hours, and throughout school holidays, providing ample opportunity for interested students to attend.

Each participant will be guided by industry experts who have worked with renowned organisations such as Heart, Capital, Disney, and Nickelodeon. The workshops take place at the Made in Kent Radio studios, allowing students to learn in a professional, working radio environment.

This initiative is particularly suited for students with a keen interest in the creative arts and media, offering them an unparalleled opportunity to gain insight and practical experience in the field.

We would be honoured if you could share information about our workshops with your students, perhaps through your school's newsletter or any other communication channels you use. For your convenience, I have attached further details about the program, and additional information can be found on our website: <https://www.madeinkent.co.uk/radio-experience>

Careers in Literature



The Royal Society of Literature (RSL) celebrates and supports writing of all kinds. We are a charity for writers and readers throughout their literary lives. We're led by writers, and we believe that all literature matters. We work with schools and prisons because everyone should have access to books. We celebrate the achievements of authors. We provide writers at all stages of their careers with the tools and resources they need to write. And we give readers access to the best writers from around the world.

You can access our online library, where you will find collected podcasts, videos and articles from our Fellows, our magazine RSL Review, and our events.

You can search by content type or literary form; you can look for your favourite writer; or you can explore one of our curated collections. We're adding lots of collections over the next few months – keep coming back for more.

<https://rsliterature.org/look-listen/>

BPP Apprenticeships



Investing in your team's education and development via the apprenticeship scheme has numerous benefits, including Levy funding, enhanced coaching and support, comprehensive academic training, and improved overall performance. Our programs are tailored to meet pressing skills gaps and we work closely with you to ensure that our solutions are aligned with your development goals. I invite you to review the attached deployment schedule and learn more about the education programmes offered by BPP and how we can support in upskilling your workforce.

We also help businesses to find and recruit motivated apprentices who are right for their business. The recruitment process is free of charge and managed by BPP from the initial consultation through to the screening and shortlisting of eligible candidates.

<https://www.bpp.com/apprenticeships/apprenticeships-programmes>

Career information for roles in film and TV



All it takes is a spark. BAFTA plays a major role in supporting the next generation of film, games, and TV talent.

Looking to take that first step in the industry? From scholarships to mentorships, we provide people with the support they need to start their creative career.

<https://www.bafta.org/develop-your-career>

Work Experience for 12–18-year olds

INVESTIN

InvestIN is a London based organisation that provides students aged 12-18 with an immersive experience of their dream career. Industry-leading professionals design every one of our experiences, guiding students through authentic career simulations, interactive activities, inspiring site visits, personalised career guidance and networking opportunities.

Each of their programmes are tailor-made for young people to get a head start in their dream careers. Students can attend a 1-day weekend masterclass for a taste of their chosen industry or a 1-week, 2-week or 2-week premium summer experience for a fully immersive, 360-degree look at their dream career.

Our 'Young' programmes are designed for students aged 15-18, whilst our 'Future' programmes cater to students aged 12-14. Students can attend either in person or live online; no application or prior experience is needed to secure a place.

For a full range of InvestIN upcoming programmes, please visit <https://investin.org/collections/our-programmes>

Online Work Experience and Career Days for students aged 13-18

CAREERDAYS.CO.UK

CareerDays.co.uk is for any student aged 13-18 who wants to experience different careers or gain work experience in their chosen field. From medicine, law, performing arts, psychology, business or becoming a vet, we have a 1-day online event for you, designed to give you an insight into life in your chosen field.

Your tutors will give you an insight into life as a student, guide you through the application process and teach you how to secure a place to study at university. It's our aim that by the end of the day you'll have an in depth understanding of the career you are considering and be armed with all the necessary tools to make a successful application to university.

Look at the dates of our next online work experience and career days at <https://www.careerdays.co.uk/apply-now>

NACAC College Fairs



Free and open to the public, National College Fairs are the perfect place to begin or continue your college search.

No matter where you are in the college search process, NACAC College Fairs have something for you! Choose from our In-Person or Virtual College Fairs to make connections with hundreds of institutions - all in one place!

Attend a NACAC College Fair to:

Search. Our virtual and in-person fairs can draw representatives from over 600 colleges. The schools are located throughout the US, and from around the globe. Don't know where to start? Research colleges attending the fair to determine if they meet your search criteria and make sure to reference your College Matchmaking™ email to ensure you connect with your best-fits!

Connect. Ask representatives the questions that are important to you. What's college life like? What majors are popular on campus? Chatting, whether in-person or virtually, with representatives from a variety of colleges can help you cement your own preferences.

Find. Your dream school is out there! Let NACAC College Fairs help you find it!

Register and get connected with colleges and universities that match YOUR desired attributes.

<https://www.nacacattend.org/>

BAE System Apprenticeships

The BAE SYSTEMS logo consists of the words "BAE SYSTEMS" in a bold, white, sans-serif font, centered within a solid red rectangular background.

Are you ready to make a difference? You could be a pioneer, fast-tracking the future of BAE Systems through innovative technology and next-generation engineering feats. With our apprenticeships you'll earn while you learn and receive job-specific training, experience and recognised qualifications that will kickstart your career. Get going from day one in a role that really matters. Play your part in creating cutting-edge products and services to help secure the world's future – and your own.

2025 applications open November 2024 – early application is advised.

<https://www.baesystems.com/en/careers/careers-in-the-uk/apprenticeships>

Watch/Listen

‘The Parent Perspective’ Podcast



“The Parent Perspective” is an exciting podcast series for parents and carers, helping them to support their children with careers advice and guidance.

Together with Not Going to Uni, we want to make sure that we are supporting parents to feel informed and confident in providing careers support and guidance to their child, so that they ultimately make the best decisions for them. We explore which careers are available today, showcase the experiences of interesting and diverse role models and provide real-time insights into how the world of work is changing.

Together we uncover practical solutions and informative answers, to help you and your child make informed decisions on those all-important next steps.

<https://amazingapprenticeships.com/the-parent-perspective-podcast/registration-page/>

Careers Tools

For students who aren't sure what they want to do:

A Quick, Fun Careers Quiz



Panjango offers a quick, easy quiz which matches students' interests and skills to a selection of potential careers. Good for a quick activity to give KS3/4 students an idea of their options. Panjango also have a series of online and board games, although these may be more appropriate for use with a teacher or parent.

<https://panjango.com/pages/career-paths-quiz>

Non-Office Career Ideas



For students who know what they don't want to do, Target Careers' list of non-office careers might offer some inspiration. Working out what you want to do after school, college or sixth form can be tricky – after all, it's probably the first time you haven't had a clear path laid out for you.

The key choice for 18-year-olds is whether you want to: a) go to university straight from sixth form (maybe after a gap year), b) start an apprenticeship or school leaver programme, through which you gain a degree or other qualification while working, or c) apply for entry-level jobs that accept their qualifications without offering further study opportunities.

For 16-year-olds, your options differ according to where in the UK you live, but most students choose between staying in education or taking an apprenticeship. On this page, we help you decide which is right for you.

<https://targetjobs.co.uk/careers-advice/advice-for-school-leavers>

A Comprehensive Career Guide



Similar to Panjango, Start Profile uses students' interests, skills and preferences to suggest potential careers, but at a more detailed level. It also stores their profile and provides a platform for them to build and record skills, explore career options and get a better understanding of how to achieve them, and set them on the path to professional development.

<https://careers.startprofile.com/page/home-page>

For students who know what they want to do:

Find a Perfect Job Match



How To Become... Just About Anything!

This series of articles from Graduate Prospects Ltd outlining the steps needed to start a wide range of careers, from accountant to zookeeper, and everything in between!

Join thousands of students and graduates who have matched their skills and personality to more than 400 job profiles. Take the quiz and see your results in three minutes.

<https://www.prospects.ac.uk/job-profiles>

Videos and Stories from Professionals



Career ideas and information for your future. For students who prefer videos to written guidance, iCould contains a series of videos and stories in which successful professionals from a wide range of fields offer insights into their roles, and how they got into them.

<https://icould.com/explore/>

For Students Who Want a Career in Sport



Sports, Health and Fitness is the most popular career path among Aspirations students, with 27% considering it as an option. This page from Target Careers outlines some of the possible careers in this field, and paths to get there.

<https://targetjobs.co.uk/search/advice?search=sports%20>

Are You the Future of the NHS?



NHS workers are getting a lot of well-deserved praise at the moment, and 21% of students were already interested in a career in healthcare - but there are plenty of non-clinical options, too. Step Into the NHS provides stories about what working in the NHS is like, a platform to explore potential roles, and a quiz which matches students up to roles which might suit them.

<https://www.stepintothenhhs.nhs.uk/>