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# INDUSTRIAL PROJECT MANAGEMENT LEVEL 7 DEGREE APPRENTICESHIP

## JOIN THE INDUSTRIAL PROJECT MANAGEMENT PGDip PROGRAMME THROUGH OUR DEGREE APPRENTICESHIP SCHEME

Degree Apprenticeships are a new education route bringing together university study and the invaluable on-the-job training typical of an apprenticeship.

Our aim at the University of Birmingham is to support participants with the practical knowledge and understanding required for a thorough grounding in common practice and the confidence to challenge these practices and critically evaluate new ideas. Our Industrial Project Management Level 7 Degree Apprenticeship, aligned to the Post Graduate Engineer Apprenticeship Standard, allows learners to gain a Postgraduate Diploma in Industrial Project Management funded by the Apprenticeship Levy.

As a Russell Group University our levy-funded Degree Apprenticeship programmes are developed with research-informed teaching at their heart, bringing together world-class research and cutting-edge facilities to produce exceptional learning outcomes.

## WHY CHOOSE THIS PROGRAMME?

- This part-time programme combines self-paced online learning with annual in-person hub workshops
- Equips learners to take an independent critical perspective on how projects are implemented, and to develop the ability to assess and critique perceived 'good practice'
- Covers the complete project from the client's perspective – not only the implementation/construction stage, and goes beyond the coverage of project management Bodies of Knowledge
- Designed for working project managers, allowing them to implement their learning and create business benefit during the programme
- Facilitated by a faculty that combines academic rigour with decades of experience of managing industrial project implementation
- The Postgraduate Diploma in Industrial Project Management can be topped up to a full Masters level qualification outside of an employer's apprenticeship levy where desirable

## OVERVIEW

Whether developing new products, expanding manufacturing capacity, or responding to a competitive threat, projects lie at the heart of business strategy in many industries. Businesses need not only predictable outcomes, but also high levels of overall performance, innovation and creativity. But how do you achieve this? Project management is a complex endeavour. Despite well-defined bodies of knowledge, overall performance of projects is highly variable, suggesting there is more to project management than completing templates and delegating work.

This course uniquely prepares learners for this world. Founded upon the core disciplines of project management, it will not only give learners a thorough grounding in common practice, but will also develop the insight and skills needed to challenge these practices and critically evaluate new ideas. Participants will be stretched and challenged to master the art of strategic project delivery. The programme has been developed in collaboration between the University and industry experts, and in addition to the University faculty, the programme has contributions from over 20 experienced project practitioners from our industrial partners, and we regularly add new presenters and contemporary content from around the world.

The programme is a two-year, part-time course, combining supported online learning with annual in-person hub workshops. It has been designed for STEM graduates working in project based roles to develop and enhance their project management capabilities. The University of Birmingham has been challenging and developing great minds for more than a century. With over 35,000 students and 8,000 staff, today we are one of the world's leading universities. Characterised by a tradition of innovation, research at the University has broken new ground, pushed forward the boundaries of knowledge and made an impact on people's lives – a tradition that this programme proudly continues.

## SUCCESS AND IMPACT

The University is currently offering Degree Apprenticeship programmes with a number of partners across the private, public and third sectors, in business, local government, education and the NHS against the following Apprenticeship Standards:

- Level 6 Digital and Technology Solutions Professional
- Level 6 Rail and Rail Systems Senior Engineer
- Level 7 Rail and Rail Systems Principal Engineer
- Level 7 Senior Leader
- Level 7 Post Graduate Engineer
- Level 7 Advanced Clinical Practitioner
- Level 7 Chartered Town Planner

The University is continuing to develop further programmes against a number of additional Apprenticeship Standards and our offer for partners continues to grow.

## GUIDANCE FOR EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES

The programme is fully levy-funding compliant. Talk to our Degree Apprenticeships team to understand what this might mean for you.

# TRY A DIFFERENT APPROACH

## GETTING IN TOUCH

To learn more about engaging with the University please visit:  
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