

# Social Research Degree Apprenticeship

## Frequently Asked Questions

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### **What is a degree apprenticeship?**

Degree apprenticeships offer you the opportunity to work while you study for a fully-funded degree.

You'll spend at least 20% of your time working towards your degree through on-campus study days, online learning such as webinars through our virtual learning environment, work shadowing, mentoring and work-based projects. The benefit is that you immediately see how theory works in practice.

### **How long does it take?**

The degree takes four years to complete and your contract with the Health Foundation will be for four years.

### **Where will I be based?**

The Health Foundation is based in Blackfriars, Central London. We currently operate a hybrid-working model with employees spending at least 2 days a week in the office.

### **What are the entry requirements?**

You will need a minimum of 96 UCAS points under the 2017 tariff point system (e.g. CCC at A Level or equivalent qualifications, not including General Studies). You can check how many UCAS points you have by using the [UCAS Tariff Calculator](#)

### **Can I apply if I already have a degree?**

Yes, graduates are eligible for Level 6 degree apprenticeship funding, however, the apprenticeship must be significantly different to the degree you already hold to ensure that new skills, knowledge and behaviours are gained. In this case, you must ensure that your degree did not contain a substantial social research component.

### **What benefits will I enjoy?**

Find out more about our policies on recruitment, learning and development, diversity, and pay and benefits here: [Benefits of working for us](#)

### **How much will it cost me?**

As a degree apprentice you will have no tuition fees to pay. Your learning will be funded

through the apprenticeship levy which the Health Foundation will contribute to. So you will have no need to apply for student finance and no student debt when you graduate

### **When can I start?**

This programme starts on the 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024 and begins with a residential at the University of Kent from Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> of September 2024 – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> of September 2024. The cost of the residential will be covered by the Health Foundation.

### **Who will I be studying with?**

This Apprentices will typically spend one day a week being taught by some of the world's foremost social research experts at the University of Kent. On successful completion of the programme, apprentices will receive an honours degree in applied social research from this university. Most learning will take place virtually.

Apprentices will work closely with academic methods experts and peers remotely through weekly online live lectures and seminars, and face-to-face through an annual residential on campus\*. These are occasions for both in depth learning and socialising with fellow apprentices. Throughout the degree, apprentices will have access to one-to-one coaching and guidance from a dedicated course tutor.

During the course, apprentices will also be fully registered as students at the university, giving them all the benefits that come with this.

\*The exact learning schedule will be finalised at a later date.

### **What will I be studying?**

This is the UK's first ever bespoke applied social research undergraduate degree apprenticeship. You will develop transferable and applied knowledge, skills and behaviours that will set you up for a long career in modern social research. The course will cover a broad range of contemporary quantitative and qualitative social research methods and skills, alongside how they can be applied to bring about real-world change and help government and organisations make better decisions.

This includes, but is not limited to: how to collect and use data for analysis in a range of different social contexts; how to design impactful research projects that could inform some of society's most pressing questions; how to make use of modern social research software that will also bring you transferrable skills in coding; and you will have the opportunity to undertake an independent research project in an area of relevant interest to you.

### **Why an apprenticeship?**

This apprenticeship will help you put the skills you are learning in your degree to the test in real world situations. You will earn a wage as a full-time government employee, hosted by one of many participating departments, alongside having your degree and wider learning and development fully funded by the programme.

You will be supported by both academic experts and caring colleagues who will help you get the most out of this programme. This is a brilliant opportunity to gain marketable and flexible skills that will set you up for the future.

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