

Infuse new talent into your organisation through apprenticeships

Coordinated by the Cell and Gene Therapy Catapult, we are the award-winning Advanced Therapies Apprenticeship Community (ATAC). We develop apprenticeship programmes designed specifically to help you train and upskill your workforce in developing, manufacturing and delivering innovative therapies at scale.

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We offer a range of programmes, from BTEC (Level 3) to bachelor's degree (level 6) equivalent, designed in collaboration with accredited apprenticeship training providers and industry. ATAC delivers a unique experience by ensuring that apprenticeships are tailored to suit specialist industry needs while offering apprentices and employers additional support and industry-led activities to enhance their journey.

Since 2018:

- Over 400 apprentices
- Nearly 70 employers

How Apprenticeships Work:

- Apprenticeships combine work and study by mixing on-the-job training with formal learning.
- An apprenticeship is made up of knowledge, skill and behavioural components (KSBs) that are combined to create an 'occupational standard'. An apprentice will be fully competent in all their KSBs by the time they complete their apprenticeship.
- On successful completion of an apprenticeship, an individual will be awarded a nationally recognised certificate of occupational competence.
- Employers must provide a minimum of 6-hours per week of off-the-job learning.

Upskilling Apprenticeships

Apprenticeships can be used to train and develop existing colleagues as well as to bring in new talent. Many apprenticeships in management, digital, data, automation, sustainability and project management are well-suited to individuals who wish to develop their skills to better perform their existing role, or who are moving into a new role with additional responsibilities.



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How your organisation can benefit from ATAC

Comprehensive Apprenticeship Knowledge and Expertise

Empower your organisation with the knowledge to develop a successful apprenticeship programme, ensuring a skilled workforce that is tailored to your specific needs.

End-to-End Support

Seamless support from ATAC, from advertising roles to graduation, with a streamlined onboarding process to save resources and reduce costs.

Proven Success and Retention

Build a reliable apprenticeship programme with ATAC's strong retention rate and track record of successful completions.

Reputation and Candidate Attraction

Leverage ATAC's credibility, to attract quality candidates and strengthen your organisation's role in workforce development.



Funding

Employers in England can access apprenticeship levy funding directly to cover the cost of apprenticeship training and assessment. Scotland and Wales have different frameworks for accessing apprenticeship levy funds. Employers can also be eligible for different grants and incentive payments depending on the company's size and the apprentice's age and care leaver status.

To discuss funding, email apprenticeshipinfo@ct.catapult.org.uk



Employer Success Stories



Oxford Biomedica adapts their recruitment approach to include apprentice talent

"Recruiting apprentices through ATAC, with the structure and support of the programme, has given Oxford Biomedica the opportunity to grow their own talent... now apprenticeships are fully integrated into the Oxford Biomedica workplace."



See why Penelope (ASG Apprentice, Oxford Biomedica) and Cameron (Quality Control Scientist, Meira GTx) choose to undertake an ATAC apprenticeship.

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Blood and Transplant

Adapting workforce development strategies to create an award-winning apprenticeship scheme

"We wouldn't have had the same experience without our involvement with ATAC. We have an excellent apprenticeship team at NHSBT, made all the more effective and impactful by the association with the ATAC community."



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