

The University of Buckingham is approved to deliver new short courses in AI Leadership, funded through the Skills & Growth levy.

The University of Buckingham is pleased to announce that we have been approved by Skills England to deliver a new suite of Apprenticeship Units focused on Artificial Intelligence (AI).

These short (approximately 30-40 hours), targeted units are different to standard Apprenticeship Programmes, as they are designed to help organisations rapidly build capability in one of the most transformative areas of modern business.

Apprenticeship Units are a flexible way to upskill existing employees in key priority areas, without committing to a full apprenticeship programme. They are designed to fit around the workplace and can be **fully funded** through the Skills & Growth levy.

We are preparing to launch the following AI Leadership units:

AI Strategy and Opportunity: (AU0009)

This apprenticeship unit is for individuals in leadership roles responsible for setting direction, governance and oversight for AI use who, with the support of their employer, need upskilling in AI leadership literacy, including the capabilities and limitations of AI and the opportunities it presents to their organisation.

This unit is particularly relevant for individuals in organisations at an early or exploratory stage of AI adoption, where there is a need to build a foundational understanding and identify viable opportunities.

AI Adoption, Procurement & Governance: (AU0010)

This apprenticeship unit is for individuals in leadership roles responsible for shaping, influencing, or supporting decisions about the adoption of AI systems within their organisation. These individuals, with support of their employer, need upskilling in adopting AI systems and governing them responsibly. It is suited to those involved in evaluating options, developing business cases, and establishing governance and assurance approaches for AI and digital technologies.

AI Delivery and Organisational Transformation: (AU0011)

This apprenticeship unit is for individuals in leadership roles responsible for setting direction and who have oversight of AI use, who, with the support of their employer, need upskilling in the safe and effective delivery of AI-enabled organisational transformation. It is suited to those overseeing implementation of AI and ensuring that AI solutions are integrated effectively into organisational processes and ways of working.

Each unit is designed to deliver practical, applied learning that can be implemented immediately in the workplace, supporting better decision-making, improved efficiency, and stronger organisational performance.

These new AI Units represent an exciting opportunity to build practical AI capability across your workforce - quickly, flexibly, and in a way that delivers immediate value.

Key eligibility criteria

To access these funded AI Units, learners must:

- Be aged 19 or over
- Be employed in a relevant role
- Meet standard apprenticeship funding eligibility requirements, including UK residency criteria
- Not be enrolled on another government-funded course at the start of the programme
- Only undertake one Apprenticeship Unit at a time

Shaping delivery around your organisation

As we prepare for launch, we are working closely with employers to ensure these AI Units are shaped around business needs. We are keen to involve employers in defining what works best for them in terms of delivery and structure, so that we can design a model that supports strong engagement and maximises uptake across their workforce.

Get involved

If you'd like to get involved in shaping these programmes and secure early access to the first cohorts, complete our short employer survey: <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/ib5LW67MEt>

Find out more

If you would like to discuss Apprenticeships, and how these could work for your organisation, please get in touch with our Business Development Manager, Paula Seddon:

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