

**FOR APPRENTICES**



# GET FUTURE READY

**TAKE YOUR FIRST STEPS TOWARDS A  
WORLD-CLASS ENGINEERING CAREER  
WITH LIMITLESS OPPORTUNITIES**





# WELCOME TO OAS

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Oxfordshire Advanced Skills (OAS) offers high-tech engineering training, both in centre and in industry. Our focus is to develop the next generation of talented engineers to support the future of advanced manufacturing.

Located at UKAEA's Culham Campus, the home of the Culham Centre for Fusion Energy (CCFE), OAS is a partnership between the UK Atomic Energy Authority and the Science & Technology Facilities Council, who between them have a history of apprentice training in science and engineering stretching back more than 70 years.



## HOW WE WORK WITH OUR EMPLOYER PARTNERS

We work with some of the most exciting and innovative employers in Oxfordshire, and beyond. We identify our partners' exact requirements, enabling our apprentices to be matched with the best opportunity to kickstart their engineering careers, and employers to develop relevant training needs.



## SOME OF OUR EMPLOYER PARTNERS



Visit our Latest Vacancies page to see our current employer opportunities



## WHY APPRENTICESHIPS?

An apprenticeship gives you hands-on experience of the workplace, a salary and the opportunity to gain qualifications while you work.



### What types of careers are available?

PLC Programming, CAD Design, Quality Control, Multi-skilled Maintenance, Electrical, Technician Roles / Project Engineers.



### How much will you get paid?

Employers will typically pay between £10,000 to £18,000 per year, and salaries often increase annually throughout your apprenticeship based upon performance.



### Why choose OAS?

The OAS Apprenticeship Programme provides training on the very latest cutting-edge technology, alongside traditional engineering skills, giving you a solid foundation for your early career, as well as preparing you for the future. We have designed the programme in partnership with leading Oxfordshire employers, so you know that you are gaining the skills local employers will need and value, both today and tomorrow.



### When can I start?

Programmes start between September and November of each year, with recruitment taking place all year round.



## BY CHOOSING OAS, YOU WILL:



Receive high quality training in a modern, purpose-built facility that contains the latest industrial equipment, and is located on a leading scientific research site



Obtain top level qualifications recognised by employers throughout the UK



Be on an apprenticeship with progression into high level technical careers



Experience learning with like-minded people



Have good transport links for easy access





# THE OAS APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMME

## YEAR 1

As an apprentice at OAS, your first year will consist of block release between our training centre and your employer site. You will complete your foundation skills training as well as starting your advanced manufacturing diploma. According to your chosen pathway, some of the skills you will develop in the first year are:

| Mechatronics Technician          | Engineering Support Technician | Machining Technician |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------|
| PLC                              | Health & Safety                | Level 2 Milling      |
| CAD (Diploma)                    | Eng Drawing                    | Level 2 Turning      |
| Additive Manufacturing (Diploma) | CAD                            | Hand Fitting         |
| Assembly                         | Business Improvement           | Measurement          |
| Fluid Power (Diploma)            | Efficiency                     | Drawing              |
| Electronics                      | Maths                          |                      |
| Elec Install / Fault Finding     |                                |                      |
| Robot Programming & Maintenance  |                                |                      |
| Hand Fitting                     |                                |                      |
| Maths (Diploma)                  |                                |                      |

## YEAR 2

You will return to your employer full time, using your foundational training to add value to your company. You will continue to develop your skills and behaviours by completing on-the-job learning whilst continuing your Level 3 knowledge-based diploma back at OAS on a block release basis. Depending on your pathway, this includes topics such as:

| Mechatronics Technician | Engineering Support Technician     | Machining Technician                |
|-------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Health & Safety         | Mechanical Principles              | Advanced Turning                    |
| Communications          | Electrical & Electronic Principles | Advanced Milling                    |
| Mechanical Principles   | Quality Control                    | Robotics                            |
| EEP                     | Communications                     | Business Improvement & Organisation |
| Efficiency              | Engineering Materials              | Efficiency                          |
| Maintenance Techniques  | Workplace Improvement              | Maths                               |
|                         |                                    | Health & Safety                     |
|                         |                                    | Robots                              |
|                         |                                    | Communications                      |
|                         |                                    | CNC                                 |
|                         |                                    | Materials                           |

## YEAR 3

In year 3, you will work in your company to continue your Level 3 work-based competency diploma. You will also start to prepare for your End Point Assessment (EPA).

Your employer may also decide to include additional advanced skills in your programme across subjects including:

- Additive manufacturing
- Automation and robotics
- Digital manufacturing
- Laser processing

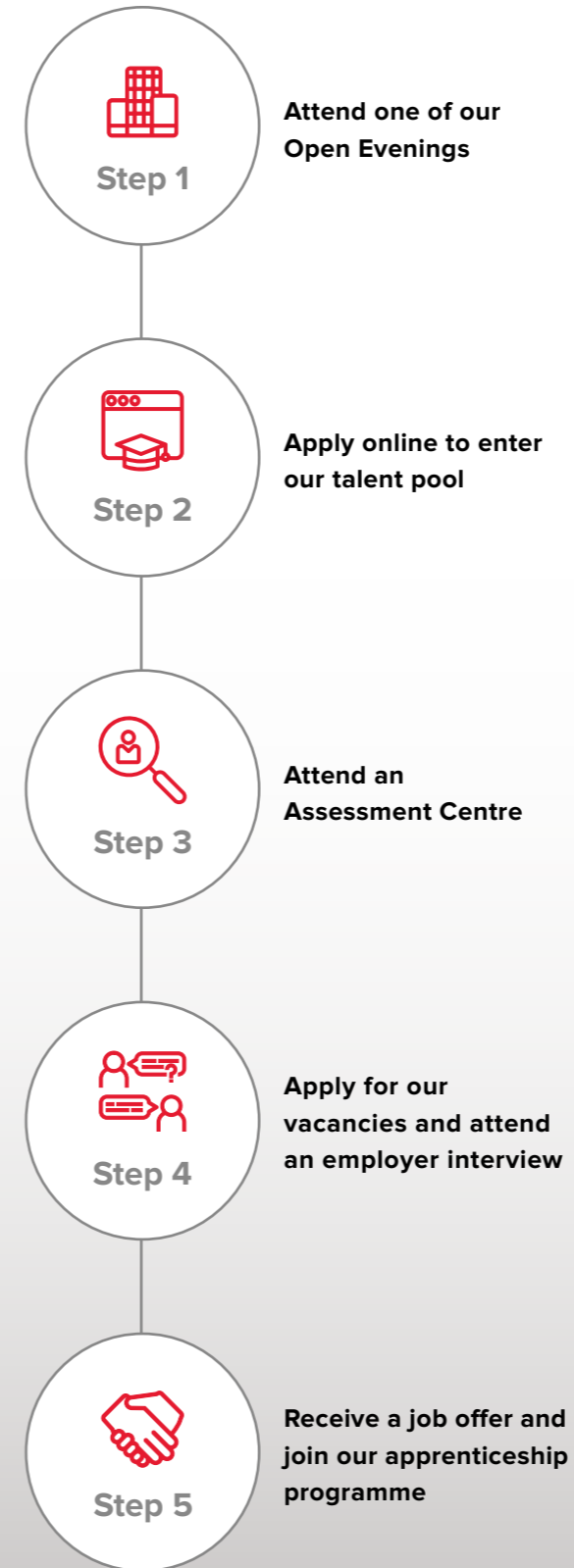
We also work with employers to offer a Level 4 Higher Technical Qualification (HTQ) in Engineering for rapidly progressing apprentices. There are two pathways to choose from: Electrical and Electronic Engineering, or Mechanical Engineering.

At the end of the apprenticeship programme, we host an apprentice graduation awards ceremony to celebrate everyone's success and achievements.





## THE OAS APPLICATION PROCESS



## WANT TO GET INVOLVED?

For all our latest vacancies and to apply to the programme visit [www.oas.ukaea.uk](http://www.oas.ukaea.uk) or contact [OASphase2@the-mtc.org](mailto:OASphase2@the-mtc.org)



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