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Degree apprenticeships funding webinar

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Agenda

1030 **Welcome and introduction**

(Jack Smith, Head of Pathways and Funding Policy)

Funding competition aims and scope

(Alastair Wilson, Head of Student Pathways and Progression)

Expected timeline and next steps

(Davina Benton, Access and Participation Manager)

1100 **Questions and answers**

1130 **Close**

Why we're here today

- To hear your views and inform our approach to funding for degree apprenticeships which was announced on 22 June 2023
- Enabling conversations and engagement between providers and employers to start over the summer before we publish full guidance in September
- Hear from you about what you would find helpful in the guidance document for you to prepare the best possible bid.



Funding competition aims and scope

- Aims
- Anticipated outcomes
- Eligibility
- What's expected to be in and out of scope

Aims of funding

- Grow capacity and capability among English higher education providers to deliver high quality degree apprenticeships provision that meet skills needs now and in the future.
- Increase the number and diversity of apprentices on degree apprenticeship programmes, improving student choice and access to routes into and through higher education.

Anticipated outcomes of funding

- Expansion of existing provision among providers **already offering** degree apprenticeships (strand 1)
- Expansion of provision among providers **new to the degree apprenticeships market** (strand 2)
- **Increased starts and evidenced growth** among apprentices in lower socioeconomic groups and young people, and other groups underrepresented in apprenticeships provision that align with OfS objectives (cross cutting theme)

Who is eligible to bid?



- OfS registered providers in Approved fee cap registration category leading bids for funding.
- Existing providers already on Register of Apprenticeships Training Providers (RoATP) expanding recruitment to existing apprenticeships; and offering apprenticeships for the first time based on existing occupational standards.
- Providers either in process of, or about to start process of RoATP registration.

What's expected to be in and out of scope

In:

- Activity to increase starts on Degree Apprenticeships
- Collaborative bids
- Development costs – including provider staffing costs and employer engagement activity
- Activity to widen participation on Degree Apprenticeships, including pipelines from levels 4 and 5
- Non-capital expenditure

Out:

- Ongoing delivery costs
- Development of new standards through trailblazer groups
- Capital expenditure
- Funding for other third-party organisations

Expected timeline and next steps



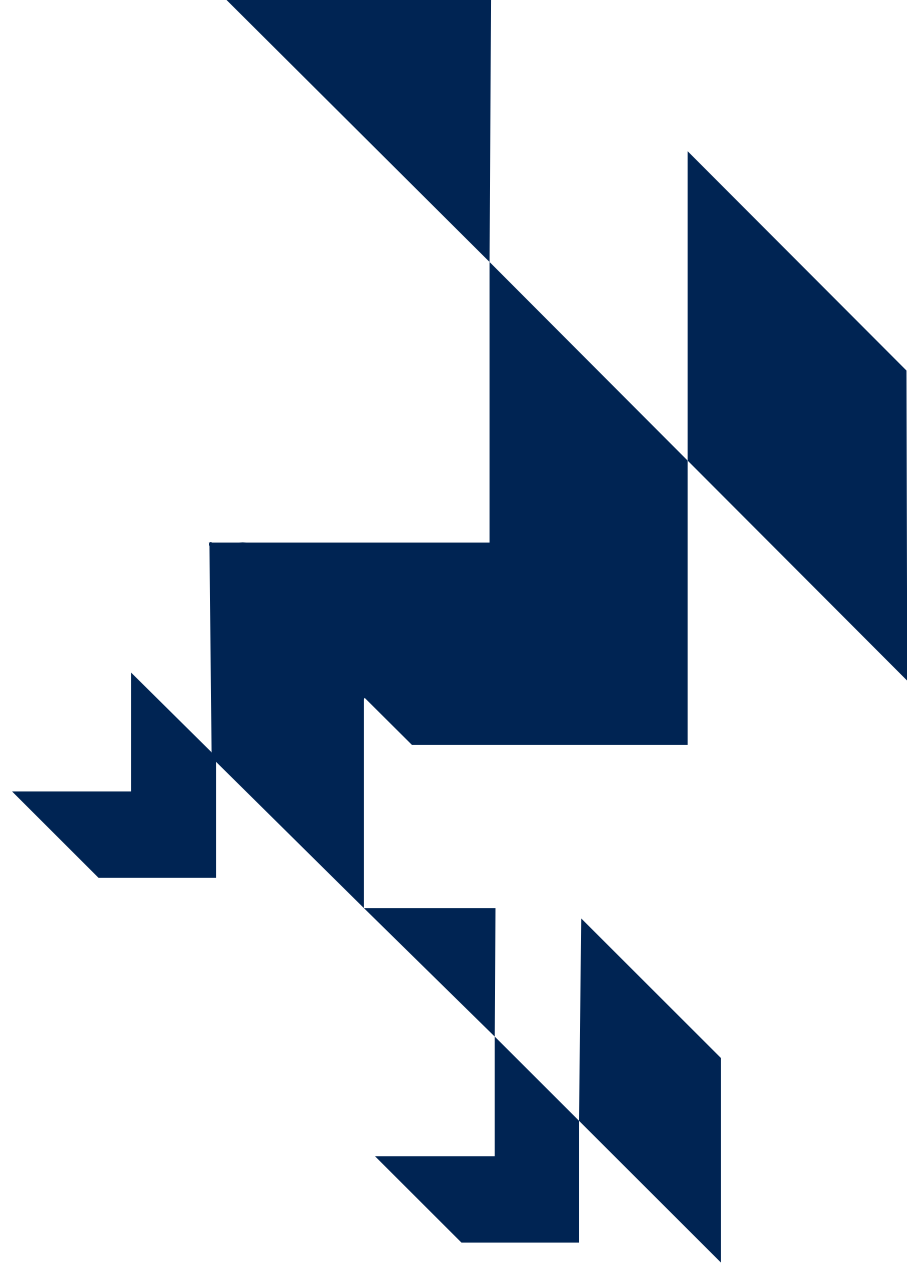
A potential second wave of funding may be announced in spring 2024, subject to DfE funding confirmation for FY 2024-25. We anticipate the September 2023 bidding guidance is likely to remain in place.

Your views

- We will be developing the final guidance ahead of September. What would help you as a provider to prepare effective bids that can achieve our goals?
- Are there particular kinds of activity that you think would achieve our anticipated outcomes?
- Anything else?

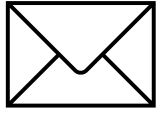
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Questions and answers



What can you do now?

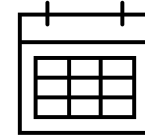
- Start the conversations within and between providers about where you might want to bring forward a bid, so you are in a position to respond to the guidance when it is published.
- Exploring feasibility i.e. employer and other provider engagement.
- Initial internal approval discussions i.e. identifying current staff and resources.



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