

## Current suite of Executive Apprenticeship Programmes at the University of Limerick

Apprenticeship Programme	Level	Duration	Starting Cycle
Principal Engineer*	Doctorate in Engineering NFQ Level 10	4 years	May
Equipment Systems Engineer	MEng NFQ Level 9	2 years	September
Lean Sigma Manager	MSc Strategic Quality Management NFQ Level 9	2 years + 3 months	January & September
Supply Chain Manager	MSc Supply Chain Operations NFQ Level 9	2 years + 5 months	January
Supply Chain Specialist	BSc in Supply Chain NFQ Level 8	2 years	September
Supply Chain Associate	Dip in Supply Chain NFQ Level 7	2 years	September
Cyber Security Practitioner	BSc in Cybersecurity NFQ Level 8	3 Years	September

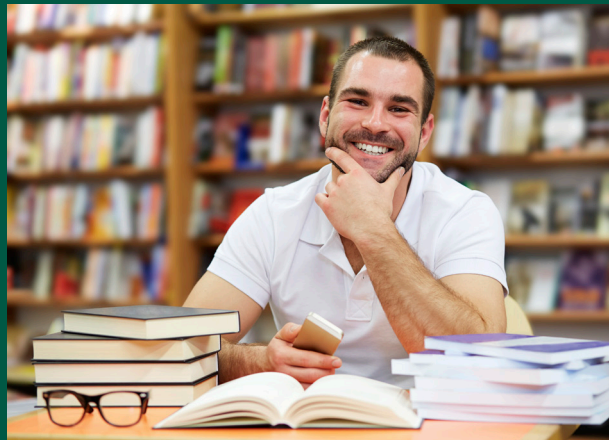
\* Applicants must successfully complete a pre-qualifier module prior to programme entry

## Contact us

If you would like to discuss apprenticeships with one of our programme managers, please contact us using one of the following methods:

**E:** apprenticeships@ul.ie  
**T:** Philomena Kelly 061-237770  
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**W:** www.ul.ie/apprenticeships  
 www.apprenticeship.ie

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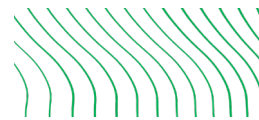


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## Executive Apprenticeship Programmes

Taking you to the next level in your career by gaining professional qualifications while you work



## Executive Apprenticeships

The University of Limerick is delighted to be the first in Ireland to run Executive Apprenticeships at higher level. These new apprenticeships were developed by a consortium of industry and education providers to meet the expanding need of businesses in Ireland. All of the programmes are designed to minimise the student's time away from the workplace by using a 70:30 'on-the-job' to 'off-the-job' ratio. This is achieved through the use of blended and online programme delivery for maximum benefit.

Executive apprenticeships are available at the following levels:

- Doctorate Level 10
- Masters Level 9
- Degree Level 8
- Diploma Level 7

Unlike traditional apprenticeship programmes, the executive apprenticeships are aimed at employed professionals who are already experienced in a particular area and wish to broaden their skills while they work.

## How Executive Apprenticeships Work

An employer who wishes to register for one of our apprenticeship programmes must be approved by UL and SOLAS. The first step is to register your interest by emailing [apprenticeships@ul.ie](mailto:apprenticeships@ul.ie).

A UL Programme Manager will then contact you to arrange a site visit at which you will be guided through the requirements for becoming a host company. This includes identifying an in-company mentor who will support the apprentices during their programme of study. Once the UL application process is complete, we will forward your details to SOLAS who will arrange an approval visit. Once approved, apprentices can be registered on the programme.

As well as undertaking all of the modules on the programme of study, the apprentices will also complete additional activities to enhance their learning as part of a 'Community of Practice'. Depending on the apprenticeship, these may include:

- Company visits
- Masterclasses
- Mentoring
- Summer School
- Reflective journal

All of our apprentices will receive support from their programme team, their in-company mentor and a dedicated project supervisor.

All in-company mentors will receive training from the University of Limerick.



## Entry Requirements

Companies who have gone through the UL and SOLAS approval process can register apprentices on our programmes. Once approved, applicants must meet the following requirements:

- Employees must have a contract of employment that meets or exceeds the programme duration.
- Applicants should hold an national framework qualification at the level below their required programme of learning – e.g. level 8 for a level 9 masters programme.
- Applicants with lower qualifications may also be considered providing they have adequate industrial experience in the relevant field. This is assessed on a case by case basis.
- Non-native English speakers must meet the University of Limerick English language requirements.

## Key Benefits to Employers and Employees

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- ✓ Develop business talent – fill current or predicted skills gaps by growing your own in-house knowledge and talent with a combination of 'on the job' learning and formal studies.
- ✓ Bring fresh thinking to your business.
- ✓ Improve staff retention and loyalty.
- ✓ Enhance productivity and cost effectiveness.

### Key benefits to employees

- ✓ Gain a professional qualification while working.
- ✓ Acquire an in-depth understanding of the latest developments and emerging processes in your industry.
- ✓ Learn best-practice from other organisations.
- ✓ Enhance your career progression prospects.

## Costs

### Company Registration Process No Charge

### Online Student Application Fee €50

### Fees

Current price per annum is €900- €1,200 depending on programme.

It should be noted that these fees are subject to change depending on the programme of study and external funders requirements.