

Smart Futures

Get paid to have a great
experience of work



EY Foundation



Smart Futures now in a number of major towns and cities across the UK, expanding each year with the support of EY and a range of other corporate partners across the UK in the following industries.

- ▶ Government and public sector
- ▶ Construction and Engineering
- ▶ Financial and professional services
- ▶ Digital and IT
- ▶ Legal
- ▶ Health and social care
- ▶ Wealth management
- ▶ Manufacturing



99% of students said the programme was good or excellent¹



97% said they were extremely or very confident the support they've received to date will help them get a job after they finish their education²

¹ Out of 269 young people 185 rated the programme as Excellent (70%) and 77 good (29%)

² Out of 269 young people 263 (97%) rated it Extremely Confident(38%), Very Confident (36%) or Confident (23%)

What is Smart Futures?

- ▶ It is a ten month programme which starts with paid work experience in the summer or Easter³.
- ▶ A mentor will support you throughout the programme to advise you on one of the biggest career choices you will make – the first step in your working life.
- ▶ You will be invited to a series of alumni events throughout your final year at school or college from learning about different industries to opportunities to practice your networking skills.
- ▶ You will gain a wide variety of transferable skills to give you a head start in your career.
- ▶ On successful completion of the programme you will gain a Level 2 CMI (Chartered Management Institution) qualification in Team Leading. This is an adult management qualification setting you apart from your peers.

³ Easter programme only available in London, Liverpool and Manchester



The Smart Futures Experience

Your paid work experience is packed with interactive sessions, you will acquire new skills and broaden your horizons. Whether you're delivering a pitch to senior business leaders or helping a client with a difficult problem, you'll be getting involved in real life business situations.

What it involves



Skills Development

The experience kicks off with an induction event which is designed to be a fun, team building activity so you can get to know the people you'll be working with. You'll then spend up to two weeks taking part in interactive workshops and working on sample case studies. This is followed by your business experience week – a one week placement where you gain hands-on work experience.

Business Experience

This is when all the business skills you have learnt on the programme are really put to the test. You will spend a week working with a team getting hands-on experience in business. You will be doing the same work as the employees of that organisation, from pitching to clients, to creating a marketing campaign or helping an entrepreneur with a business issue they may face. Students tell us this is the best part of the entire programme!

You will round-off the work experience at a graduation ceremony with your new friends and colleagues to celebrate all of your amazing achievements. You will also be invited to a series of Smart Futures alumni events during your final year at school to further build your experience and networks.

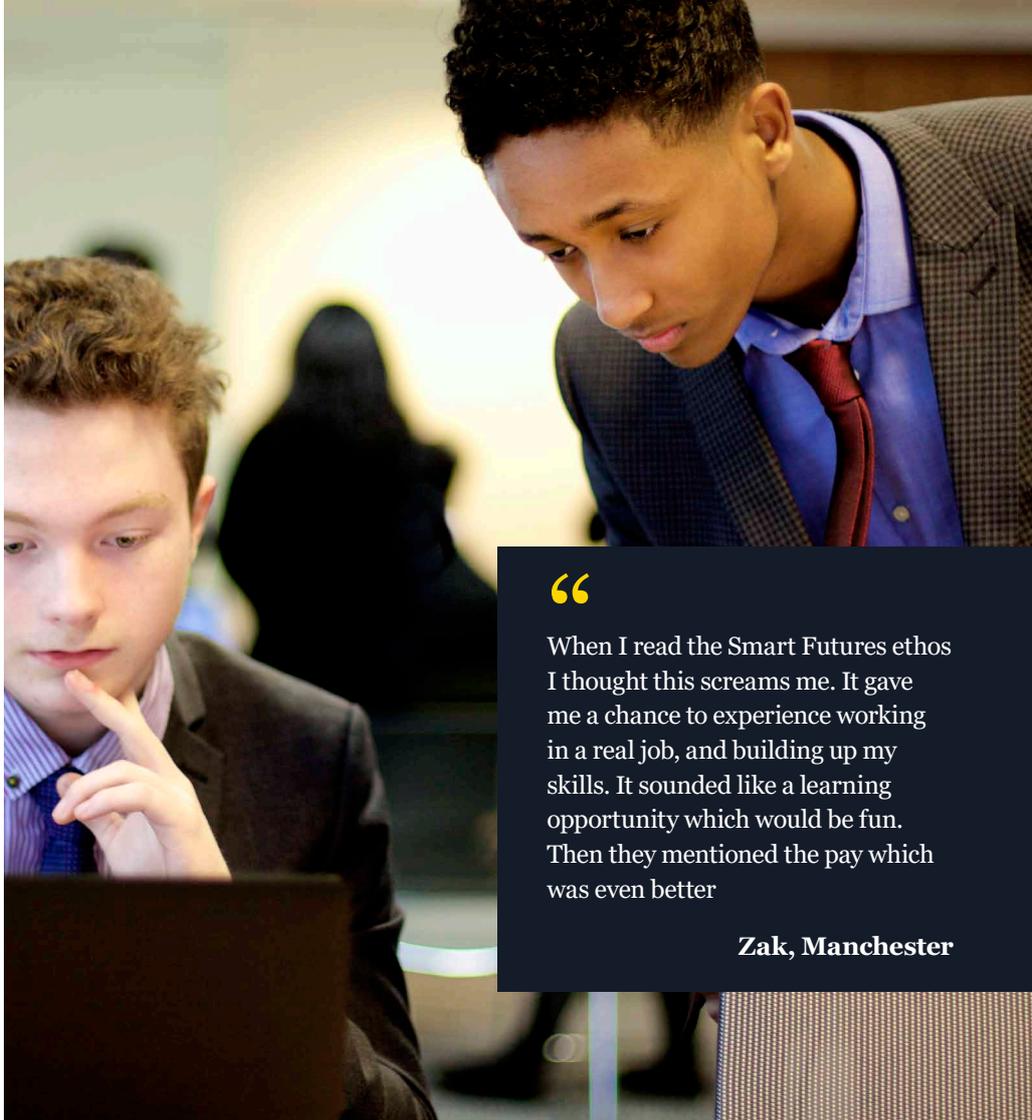
Mentoring

During your work experience you'll be introduced to your mentor.

They will provide you with support and encouragement throughout your final school year as you make decisions about higher education and your career.

Smart Futures will give you some key skills that are essential in the work place:

- ▶ Building positive relationships
- ▶ Communication
- ▶ Effective networking
- ▶ Presentation skills
- ▶ Problem solving
- ▶ Team leading



“

When I read the Smart Futures ethos I thought this screams me. It gave me a chance to experience working in a real job, and building up my skills. It sounded like a learning opportunity which would be fun. Then they mentioned the pay which was even better

Zak, Manchester

What next?

Applications start online at eyfoundation.co.uk/SmartFutures

The application process is designed to provide you with insights into what it takes to successfully apply for a job working in a business. You will also find lots of hints and tips on how to navigate the application process.

If you have any queries about applying you can email us with your questions smartfutures@eyfoundation.ey.com

1. Complete and submit a short online application form
2. Short listed candidates will be invited to a telephone interview (spaces are allocated on a first come, first serve basis)
3. It's required that successful candidates satisfy the documentation requirements (Completing all relevant paperwork and permission forms)

If you meet the following eligibility criteria on this page, apply today

You must be either:

- ▶ Eligible for free school meals at any time in the last two years
or
- ▶ Eligible for College Bursary or Education Maintenance Allowance (where household income is less than £24,421)

Plus

- ▶ Currently in Year 12 (England) or Fifth Year (Scotland).
- ▶ Attending a state school
- ▶ Studying any combination of A-level/International Baccalaureate/BTEC Level 3s/National 5/Highers
- ▶ Ambitious and motivated to join the world of work
- ▶ Looking for a great paid work experience this summer or Easter⁴ that will help you secure a job after school, or a place at university

⁴ Easter programme only available in London and Manchester



What our students say ...



“

Smart futures is an amazing opportunity for those ambitious students that want to develop and improve their skills. I learnt a lot from the experience and I would recommend this opportunity to other students who want to gain a valuable work experience.

Freshta, Manchester



“

I really enjoyed it and I'm going to tell the years below in my school to do the Smart Futures programme. It's a great experience and also paid which helps. Put the money aspect aside, you get so much more.

Selina, Glasgow



“

I learnt something new every day on the programme. It opened my eyes up to the real world of work. It is something we will all benefit from in the future.

Samson, London

Get in touch to find our more about Smart Futures:

E: smartfutures@eyfoundation.ey.com
T: 020 7951 3133

eyfoundation.co.uk

 [@EY_Foundation](https://twitter.com/EY_Foundation)

 [@EY_Foundation](https://www.instagram.com/EY_Foundation)

 [/EYFoundationUK](https://www.facebook.com/EYFoundationUK)

[#EYFSmartFutures](https://www.instagram.com/EY_Foundation)

EY Foundation

About EY Foundation

The EY Foundation is an independent fundraising charity that helps young people who face barriers in the labour market - such as living in a low-income household - to find pathways into work, higher education or self-employment.

At the EY Foundation we want to make a measurable, positive social impact on the work prospects of young people from disadvantaged groups in the UK. We do this by designing, developing and running our own programmes and working with employers, social enterprises and local communities across the UK.

Together with other employers and our growing network of corporate partners, we have helped to benefit hundreds of young people's working lives by providing skills training, paid work experiences and mentoring in a diverse range of organisations.

The EY Foundation – registered charity: England & Wales 1157154
Scotland SCO45076.

The EY Foundation, 1 More London Place, London, SE1 2AF

© 2019 The EY Foundation.

All rights reserved

eyfoundation.co.uk

ED None

EY-000106767.indd (UK) 10/19. Artwork by Creative Services Group London.