

# Oxfordshire Apprenticeship Awards 2025

## Award Categories



Award number	Name of category	To recognise the following:
	<b>Apprentices:</b>	
1.	<b>Intermediate Apprentice of the Year Award</b>	<b>Level 2</b> apprentices who have excelled in their work, learning and development and made exceptional contributions to their workplaces
2.	<b>Advanced Apprentice of the Year Award</b>	<b>Level 3</b> apprentices who have excelled in their work, learning and development and made exceptional contributions to their workplaces
3.	<b>Higher / Degree Apprentice of the Year Award</b>	<b>Level 4</b> and above apprentices who have excelled in their work, learning and development and made exceptional contributions to their workplaces
4.	<b>Special Recognition Award</b>	Apprentices <b>at any level</b> who have achieved in overcoming significant challenges or barriers to learning or work
5.	<b>Rising Star Award</b>	Individuals who have made outstanding progress and had a significant impact <b>in the first 9 months of their apprenticeship</b>
6.	<b>Shining Star Award</b>	Individuals who have made outstanding progress in their career since <b>completing their first apprenticeship</b> and have potential to achieve more
7.	<b>Apprenticeship Ambassador Award</b>	Apprentices / former apprentices at <b>any level</b> who have demonstrated a commitment to promoting apprenticeships and gone above and beyond expectations
8.	<b>Oxfordshire Apprentice of the Year (chosen by headline sponsor)</b>	The apprentice who has reached the <b>highest levels of excellence and achievement</b> . Chosen by the <b>headline sponsor</b> with the support of the Awards Committee from the winners of the <b>five</b> apprentice award categories
	<b>Employers:</b>	
9.	<b>Apprenticeship Employer of the Year Award (&lt;250 employees)</b>	<b>Small and medium sized</b> apprenticeship employers in Oxfordshire that have exceeded normal standards and expectations in providing a high-quality apprenticeship experience
10.	<b>Apprenticeship Employer of the Year Award (250+ employees)</b>	<b>Large</b> apprenticeship employers in Oxfordshire that have exceeded normal standards and expectations in providing a high-quality apprenticeship experience
11.	<b>Inspiring the Future Employer of the Year Award</b>	Employers in Oxfordshire that have exceeded normal standards and expectations to <b>inspire the next generation</b> e.g. engaging with local schools and colleges and providing work / T Level placements
	<b>Other:</b>	
12.	<b>Skills Champion Award</b>	<b>Individuals</b> in Oxfordshire who make a significant contribution to promoting apprenticeships and other vocational routes, such as school/college careers professionals, business volunteers and Careers Hub Enterprise Advisers
13.	<b>Training Provider Individual Award</b>	<b>Staff from training providers</b> delivering in Oxfordshire (colleges, universities, employer providers and independent training providers) who go the extra mile to support and encourage apprentices and enable individuals to achieve to their potential