Trainee schemes, Apprenticeships and Work Experience at BBC Birmingham

The BBC at BBC Birmingham in The Mailbox and the Drama Village is growing. More roles are moving to Birmingham over the next year this year and there will be around 700 staff in Birmingham by the middle of 2016. There are a number of apprenticeships, trainee schemes, work experience placements and volunteering opportunities available at BBC Birmingham. Most opportunities are advertised on the BBC Careers website [www.bbc.co.uk/careers](http://www.bbc.co.uk/careers). There are a variety of entry points, some schemes require GCSE’s or A levels and some require a degree. BBC Birmingham is a major training centre for Technology jobs. For some BBC schemes in Journalism and Production, the training is based in other BBC centres and details of these are also included below. All formal traineeships and apprenticeships listed below are paid.

**National Schemes**

**Digital Journalism Apprenticeship:** This scheme is currently closed for 2015. It’s for those over 18 without a degree.

**Journalism Trainee Scheme:** This scheme offers a 12 month opportunity to be based in our news teams and work across online, radio and TV. There are placements in Glasgow, Cardiff, London and Salford. This scheme next opens for applications in 2016.
[http://www.bbc.co.uk/careers/trainee-schemes/jts](http://www.bbc.co.uk/careers/trainee-schemes/jts)

**Production Apprenticeship:** A 12 month apprenticeship leading to a Level 3 qualification in Creative and Digital Media. Based in London. This scheme is closed for 2015.

**Production Trainee Scheme:** A 12 month fast track traineeship in Production. Placements are in London, Cardiff, Bristol, Salford, Belfast and Glasgow. This scheme next opens for applications in December 2015.
**Technology Apprenticeship:** This scheme allows you to gain a degree in Broadcast Engineering whilst working at the BBC. You can't apply if you already have a degree. Training is based in London, Birmingham and Salford. Applications are open in October and November 2015.

http://www.bbc.co.uk/careers/trainee-schemes/tech-apprentices

**Technology Trainee Scheme:** This is a two year scheme for new graduates. Opportunities are based in London, Birmingham and Salford. Applications are open in October and November 2015.

http://www.bbc.co.uk/careers/trainee-schemes/tech-trainees

**Digital Media Trainee Scheme:** This is a two year post graduate scheme. Opportunities are in Salford, Glasgow and London.

http://www.bbc.co.uk/careers/trainee-schemes/digitalmediascheme

**UX Design Trainee Scheme:** This is a one year post-graduate scheme for those with a degree in design. Based in Salford or London. Applications are now closed for 2015.

www.bbc.co.uk/careers/trainee-schemes-and-apprenticeships/technology/ux-design

**Trainee Research Technologists/Scientists Scheme:** These are post-graduate schemes in Research and Development. Based in Salford or London.

www.bbc.co.uk/careers/trainee-schemes-and-apprenticeships/technology/research-technologists

www.bbc.co.uk/careers/trainee-schemes-and-apprenticeships/technology/research-scientists

**Extend:** This is the BBC's work placement scheme for disabled people. There are placements in Birmingham. Applications for placements in 2015 are now closed.

http://www.bbc.co.uk/careers/trainee-schemes-and-apprenticeships/extend/extend

**Other Opportunities**

**Work experience:** There are a number of unpaid work experience placement opportunities across the BBC including at BBC Birmingham and these are advertised at set times in the year.

www.bbc.co.uk/work-experience

**Volunteering:** There are sometimes opportunities for volunteers over 18 to help at BBC events. Most of these are organised through partner universities and colleges and local volunteer centres.

**Entry Level jobs:** Many people begin their career by taking what we call an “entry level job” at the BBC. These range from Team Assistant roles to Broadcast Assistants Production Assistants and Runners, and are advertised on the BBC Careers website.

**Links with schools and Colleges:** BBC Birmingham has links with many schools and colleges in the region and there are sometimes events where teachers, lecturers and students can meet BBC staff.

**BBC News School Report:** For pupils interested in journalism this is a BBC News project for schools. To find out more look at the website, www.bbc.co.uk/schoolreport

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