

What are upReach's Sector Springboard programmes?

upReach's Sector Springboard programmes support students who are interested in joining a particular sector or industry. upReach currently has Sector Springboards for Banking & Finance, Investment and Savings, Law and Technology.

The aims of the programme are to help you explore your career options in your chosen sector, develop key skills to enhance your employability, widen your professional network, and - ultimately - to secure top job opportunities in your chosen sector - whether this be Spring Insights, Summer Internships, Placements or Graduate roles.

Am I eligible for this programme?

upReach is a social mobility charity, and our objective is to support students from under-represented backgrounds. This means every student we support (we call them "upReach Associates") must meet our [general eligibility criteria](#).

To become an upReach Associate on a Sector Springboard programme:

- **University:** You must currently be an undergraduate that is in full-time study. This programme is open to students at any UK university.
- **Degree subject:** We encourage students from any degree background to sign up for our Sector Springboards. For example, you do not need to be studying Law to join our Law Springboard. What's most important to us is your interest in the Sector, rather than your existing knowledge.
- **A Level grades:** For most of our Sector Springboards, you need to have achieved BBB (contextualised) at A Level. However for the Law Springboard, given the focus on commercial Law you need to have achieved AAB (contextualised).

Please note we consider grades on a contextual basis, meaning we also take into account factors such as the school you attended or the area you live in. We believe this gives us a better indication of your true academic potential.

All applicants complete our REALRating form, which will tell you your contextual grades. For example, if you achieved a B in A-level Maths, you may find that your contextual grade is actually an A, once your background is taken into consideration. We will consider your REALRating result when determining your eligibility.

Finally, different Sector Springboards are aimed at different **university year groups**.

What does it involve?

When joining the programme, you'll be matched with a dedicated upReach Programme Coordinator and/or a professional mentor, who will get to know you and be on-hand to provide ongoing 1-to-1 support throughout your time on the upReach programme.

They'll be able to give you extensive support at each stage of the job application process, including:

- Reviewing your CV and offering feedback,
- Reviewing your applications and cover letters for your chosen sector
- Mock job interviews, and
- Assessment centre preparation

As well as 1-to-1 support, you'll also have access to:

- Exclusive work experience opportunities
- Exclusive employer events, like insight days to help you learn more about different organisations
- Extensive online resources, including guides to different employers, practise online tests, and career courses to help you understand your chosen sector in more depth
- Daily 'Video Forums' (webinars) to help you build your employability skills

upReach are able to provide this support as a result of our partnerships with employer partners. For a [full list of our employer partners where we can provide more extensive application support, please visit the upReach website.](#)