

Apprenticeship - UK & Ireland

FUNCTION: Level 6 B2B Sales

Why not accelerate your career with a Business & Technology apprenticeship at Unilever? Working in a diverse, global business, you'll gain invaluable work experience supporting world-class brands in areas such as Customer Development, Finance, Marketing, and Supply Chain.

Working under the guidance of a dedicated line manager, you will gain the technical knowledge and skills you need to succeed through a combination of real, practical experience and formal training. You can expect on-the-job training, formal development opportunities, and dedicated mentoring.

****As we receive a high volume of applications, please make sure to read the job descriptions on our website carefully and apply for the ONE function you are most interested in. Only your first application will be considered****

Your Future Employer

Unilever is one of the world's leading suppliers of Food, Beauty and Wellbeing, Home, and Personal Care products with sales in over 190 countries and reaching 3.4 billion consumers daily. Founded in Port Sunlight (Wirral) in 1929 by Lord Lever, Unilever has more than 400 brands found in homes around the world, including Dove, TRESemmé, Lynx, Lifebuoy, Shea Moisture, Hellman's, Persil, Domestos, Marmite, Graze, Vaseline, Sure, Colman's and Pot Noodle.

Our goal is to deliver best-in-class performance with market making, unmissably superior brands. From our earliest days Unilever has been at the forefront of change always striving towards making a world where everyone can live well and within the natural limits of the planet. That's why our purpose is 'Brightening everyday life for all'.

What is the job?

Our Sales Professional programme is ideal for individuals who aspire to enter the world of sales. Individuals will be able to develop their technical sales skills and be a part of a sales team, all whilst gathering valuable work experience.

What do we look for?

We're looking for candidates who are passionate about our amazing brands and have bold ideas for how we can grow our brands, delivering category sales growth for our retailers and meeting our consumers' needs. A hunger to learn, a forward-thinking mindset, and a proactive attitude are key.

What could your day-to-day role look like?

The customer development team has a broad range of responsibilities, with lots of opportunities to learn and get involved in a variety of critical tasks and projects. These include:

- Developing strategic business growth plans focusing on all channels (supermarkets, convenience, online, etc)
- Building and nurturing strong and sustainable customer relationships
- Creating compelling promotional plans
- Collaborating with stakeholders from across the business on best-in-class activation and product innovation launch plans
- Analysing performance data using a variety of platforms and data sets and generating

What support will you receive during your apprenticeship?

Your line manager will develop an induction plan to ensure you're equipped with the foundations to get started. They'll provide an environment in which you can thrive and will provide ongoing support throughout your apprenticeship. They will carefully construct bespoke goals for you to work towards. You can expect regular one-to-one meetings with your line manager where you'll receive coaching and guidance.

- As well as your line manager, you'll be assigned a sponsor who sits outside your team. Many sponsors are former apprentices who have excelled in the company. You'll be able to have informal catch-ups with them and they can share their experience and advice.
- There's a dedicated Sales Apprentice lead who curates an engaging programme of sessions and events tailored to apprentices.
- You'll have the opportunity to build a vast network of stakeholders from across the business who you'll be able to learn from and will encourage you on your apprenticeship journey.
- We offer a multitude of leading learning and development opportunities covering a huge array of topics delivered via in-person training courses and online portals.

What can Unilever offer YOU?

- A Competitive Salary of £22,716
- A pension Scheme
- A discounted staff shop
- Subsidised Gym Memberships
- Shares
- 25 days of holiday allowance

At Unilever, diversity is about embracing differences, championing inclusion, creating possibilities, and growing together for better business performance. Join our vibrant and inclusive workplace that champions diversity and inclusion.

We give full and fair consideration to all applicants, regardless of age, disability, gender reassignment, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation, marriage and civil partnership, and pregnancy and maternity.

We are a key advocate of well-being and offer a variety of resources for our people including hubs, programmes, and development opportunities. We strive to achieve a family-friendly and inclusive workplace and to, above all, create possibilities for all.

Duration

3 years

Requirements

Have or are predicted 5 GCSEs including English Language and Maths at grade 4 or above. Have or are predicted 2 A-levels or equivalent.

Locations Available

Hybrid working with a minimum of 2 days required weekly at our Kingston office.

Application Process:

Stage 1 - Complete the online application form and tell us about your motivation for choosing Unilever and your selected apprenticeship programme.

Stage 2 - Situational Judgment Test, which gives you realistic, hypothetical scenarios where you will be asked to identify the most appropriate response. You will also have a numerical and verbal reasoning test at this point.

Stage 3 – In-Person Discovery Centre, immersing yourself in business challenges, and an interview.

Discovery Centres:

3rd and 4th February 2026

Closing date:

This is a rolling deadline, so we encourage you to apply as soon as possible to avoid disappointment in case applications close early.

If you have any questions about your application or if you require any reasonable adjustments to be made to complete any part of the application process, please contact the Future Careers Team. If you would like to discuss any mitigating circumstances before making an application, please also contact the team using the following contact details:

Phone: 020 3650 2304 or e-mail: futurecareers.recruitment@unilever.com.

Recruitment Fraud

Cybercriminals advertise fake job adverts with prestigious employers as a way of stealing information or even defrauding individuals out of money. In the most sophisticated cases, they will set up fake websites, which have a similar address to companies like Unilever. They even conduct fake telephone interviews and then offer candidates a role with the proviso they pay a fee for background checks or to cover work visa costs. These types of attacks are becoming more common as more people are looking for employment in the economic climate.

How is Unilever tackling this?

Many of Unilever's recruitment sites publish a warning to candidates about recruitment fraud. The Cyber Security team also proactively scans for signs of people setting up fake Unilever sites and acts to close them down.

What can I do?

If you become aware of potential recruitment fraud, spot fake Unilever recruitment adverts or fake LinkedIn profiles, report them via Una Live Chat.

Unilever does not accept responsibility or liability for any candidates who are financially impacted by recruitment fraud. Your vigilance is key!