**Apprenticeships at the University of Derby**

Find out how University of Derby can support your business through apprenticeships by contacting our Business Gateway team.   Including advice on:

* The impact of Apprenticeships on leadership, productivity and retention.
* How UK employers can offset costs against increased National Insurance contributions.
* How to access levy transfers for none paying levy businesses
* Maximising your levy.
* How we can support your business needs with our apprenticeship programmes.

📞 Call **01332 590500** or 📧 email **businessgateway@derby.ac.uk**

**Farming Futures R&D Fund**

UK registered businesses can apply for a share of up to £12.5 million for precision breeding of arable and horticultural crops. This funding is from the [Farming Futures R&D Fund](https://apply-for-innovation-funding.service.gov.uk/competition/2168/overview/0fef9171-75b0-4f3e-acef-42920e7e5d5e), a part of the Farming Innovation Programme.

From Kalpna:

**Accelerator Business Support now extended**

Great news! The Accelerator project from Derbyshire Dales District Council has been extended for another year. If you missed out before, now’s your opportunity to benefit from a host of free services including:

* 1-to-1 impartial business advice, mentoring and diagnostic support
* Training workshops and webinars (programme starting soon!)
* Help to identify potential funding or finance
* Networking and peer support (e.g. through the East Midlands Manufacturing Network)

Funded **energy audits** are also on offer to help identify energy efficiencies and cost reduction and **Growth Vouchers** towards the costs of specialist training and consultancy to improve business processes or introduce new technologies (eligibility criteria apply).

[Complete an enquiry form](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=be02r_yxIEq3g6ApmhSPvUXQXMqEXHpFiR312GqX639UQ1lHM1pEQUQwWlZHTjRNOEFIU0lJOE5ENC4u) now to connect with your Chamber business adviser. Your first meeting with your Business Adviser will typically be around an hour long and will explore where you currently are, where you want to be, and ways in which you might get there.

*This project is funded by East Midlands Combined County Authority’s UK Shared Prosperity Fund allocation and delivered by East Midlands Chamber.*



Please come and join us for our annual end of year celebration in the Devonshire Dome. Students from both Buxton and Leek Campus’ will be in the Devonshire Dome on Monday 23rd June for games and live music to celebrate the end of the college year. If you would like to come and join us to promote any vacancies within your business such as apprenticeships, summer jobs or full/part time roles to approximately 400 students, then please do let us know by completing the below link. The celebrations will run from 10am-1pm and all employers attending will be given a table and banner space in the Devonshire Dome itself.

Should you wish to attend, please complete the  short registration form below by 6th June.

<https://forms.office.com/e/C1tNXTyXQh>