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BECKETT CAREERS



FINTECH GRADUATE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

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GRADUATE INFORMATION

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INFORMATION FOR GRADUATES

WHAT IS THE PROGRAMME?

The FinTech Graduate Development Programme is a 6-week opportunity that helps Leeds Beckett graduates explore digital and financial technology careers, build confidence, and develop practical skills for the workplace.

You'll take part in workshops and hands-on activities up to 2 days per week, making it easy to fit around other commitments.

The programme is open to recent LBU graduates, with priority given to unemployed graduates or those working in non graduate-level roles. No tech or finance background is needed to participate — just lots of curiosity and enthusiasm!

“One of the biggest impacts is helping people gain clarity about the FinTech sector.”

Silas Ozoya — MBA Business Administration

WHAT IS FINTECH?

FinTech is everywhere and stands for Financial Technology. It covers the digital tools that make money, payments, and financial services faster, easier, and more accessible. You're already part of using FinTech every day without realising:

- Paying with your phone or smartwatch.
- Ordering groceries or clothes online and paying securely.
- Using budgeting apps to track subscriptions or spending goals.
- Sending money instantly to friends after a night out.
- Using Klarna, Clearpay, or PayPal Pay in 3 for flexible shopping.
- Booking appointments or classes with integrated payment apps.
- Receiving notifications when your salary lands or a bill is due.
- Using a travel card or app to tap in and out on buses or trains.

WHERE YOU COULD FIT IN FINTECH

You don't need to code or be a maths expert. Many roles suit creative, people-focused and analytical strengths, such as:

- UX/UI design (designing apps people actually enjoy using).
- Digital marketing & communications.
- Project coordination.
- Business and data analysis.
- Risk, fraud, or compliance support.
- Community, social impact or sustainability roles.
- Customer experience & client support.

There is a huge demand for diverse voices in these areas and graduates with fresh perspectives.

WHY JOIN THE PROGRAMME?

BUILD PRACTICAL AND EMPLOYER-VALUED SKILLS

You will develop skills from LBU's Future Skills Portfolio including: Teamwork, Communication, Professionalism, Analysis & Decision — Making, ICT & Digital Capability.

SUPPORTIVE AND FLEXIBLE

This programme is designed to be supportive, inclusive and adaptable. We understand that everyone's circumstances are different, so we'll work with you to make the experience accessible and flexible to your needs.

HEAR FROM PEOPLE WORKING IN THE SECTOR

We'll bring in inspiring speakers and role models, including industry leaders working in FinTech.

EXPLORE REAL CAREER OPTIONS

Learn what types of FinTech roles exist and which ones connect with your strengths and interests.

BOOST YOUR CONFIDENCE

You'll gain confidence in what you can offer employers, plus guidance on career options, next steps and how to begin your journey into the FinTech sector.

WHAT TO EXPECT

You'll get to:

- Build a solid foundation about the FinTech sector.
- Take part in small group tasks and challenges tackling real problems.
- Hear from inspiring guest speakers working in FinTech.
- Discover how your skills could fit into this fast-growing sector.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO TAKE PART?

You can apply to be part of the FinTech Graduate Development Programme, if you're:

- An LBU graduate from 2025, and
- Unemployed or working in a role that is not at graduate-level.

We welcome applications from all degree backgrounds, from business to computing, and many more. Don't count yourself out!

YOUR COMMITMENT

You will need to commit to the following:

- A 6-week programme duration
- 1-2 days per week participation
- Available from March to April 2026

Please let us know your availability for the programme when you apply. The schedule will include a mix of in-person sessions at both LBU campuses and the employer premises, and remote online sessions.

GRADUATE BURSARY

You may be eligible to apply for a graduate bursary:

- £13.45 per hour
- Up to 30 hours funded

Full details of dates and sessions you will be required to attend will be shared before the programme begins.

"The programme gave me the confidence to apply for roles in the FinTech sector and commit to making it happen. By the end, I knew I wanted a job in FinTech, and the Beckett Careers team played a huge part in helping me secure my role with Schroders."

Charlie Neale — BA (Hons) Business Management

INTERESTED?

Ready to find out more about the programme?

Visit leedsbeckett.ac.uk/gradprogramme where you'll be able to read stories from the Beckett Careers blog about those that have already taken part, like [Charlie's story](#) — how much he enjoyed it, what he learned, and how it helped him secure a graduate-level job.

HOW TO APPLY

If you'd like to register your interest to be involved, please complete the [Expression of Interest form](#), and we'll be in touch with the next steps very soon. The deadline for graduate registrations is Thursday 26 February 2026.

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