



22/23 Academic Year Partner Benefits

Welcome to your Tech Industry Gold/techUK Partner Benefits for the remainder of academic year 22/23!

Two of the main pillars of Tech Industry Gold are our commitment to:

1. Our learning community
2. Providing an enriched learner experience

We are therefore delighted to be able to enhance both of these areas with this pilot of complimentary access to a curated list of relevant techUK events for the remainder of this academic year.

Who are techUK?

TechSkills is a techUK company and we work extremely closely with and as part of the whole techUK team and community.

- techUK is the trade association which brings together people, companies and organisations to realise the positive outcomes of what digital technology can achieve.
- They create a network for innovation and collaboration across business, government and stakeholders to provide a better future for people, society, the economy and the planet.

techUK focusses on championing their members and their technologies, preparing and empowering the UK for what comes next.

What will this offer provide for you?

As a part of our valued Tech Skills community, we want to ensure that we are always maximising our degree programme offering, developing the wider package we offer you as HEI's, not just in relation to accreditation.

We have therefore developed a calendar of events, webinars, talks and online meetings, all designed to:

- Give you as HEIs maximum access to leading edge employers in the tech sector, sharing ideas, knowledge and understanding
- Open up access to informative, developmental and course relevant industry experts and specialists for your Tech Industry Gold students

- Developing strong networking opportunities, with both fellow academic colleagues along with small, medium and large scale tech employers
- Creating a powerful HEI focused TechSkills community, sharing ideas, working with us on continuing to refine and develop the impact and strength of Tech Industry Gold accreditation

What are we developing right now?

We are excited about the calendar of events we are currently developing, more details of which can be found on the last two pages of this pack.

In summary, working with techUK we are pleased to be delivering:

- The chance to attend great techUK talks and events, either online or in person, also being able to open these up to your TIG students and learners
- Access to the techUK Future of Work series, looking at ensuring the strong flow of graduates into the tech sector, along with exploring the ever developing landscape of opportunities in this space
- The chance to attend various Tech festivals across the UK in the coming year
 - At these we will be running talks, meet and greets, discussions and networking opportunities for you as Course Directors
 - We will also be inviting students to attend, linking up with employers and TechSkills/techUK; giving them free or reduced price entry into the tech festival
- Opportunities relating to techUK member events, particularly curating specific employer link ups with yourselves as HEIs
- This includes a free ticket for one representative from your university to attend the extremely prestigious techUK Annual Dinner (for those Universities taking first years into their TIG programme).
 - The techUK Annual Dinner is the established, must-attend business dinner for organizations across the tech and digital industry
 - Last year's dinner attracted over 600 guests, including over 100 senior Government and civil service leaders.
- Finally, we will be hosting regular TIG course director meetings, working with our dedicated TechSkills team, sharing ideas, updates and hearing from you, as our valued partners

As well as these events, we are also working on finalising details around:

- Delivering bespoke talks/chats, prerecorded or streamed live, with employers, focused on developing career pathways into the tech sector
- Facilitating techUK directors of programmes to talk with and have a 'virtual coffee with' you as course directors and potentially deliver a live Q&A with your students
- Developing our own podcast series, with talks and guests aimed explicitly at you, our valued learning community

Topics may include - supporting students with applications, CV development, facilitating work placements, also hearing from yourselves as HEIs directly about how best to enhance course deliver.

What are the main benefits to you as course directors and HEIs?

- Professional development for your staff, ensuring academics teaching on TIG programmes are fully aligned with industry trends and hot topics
- This will allow you to be even more directly connected with and have a voice across the current developments and needs within the tech sector
- Enhanced ability to provide and facilitate connections to, and pathways into, employers and employment for your students
- Employer involvement in all events, not only enhancing your student's experiences, but also allowing you as HEIs to directly connect with leading edge employers

We also know there will be a valuable and incentivizing quid pro quo for TechSkills and techUK's wider employer networks;

- Maximising employer connections to high quality graduates and potential direct recruiting pathways
- Allowing interested and committed employers to be directly involved in helping shape, inform and develop HEI programmes and courses, to best support meeting the skills gaps in the sector

We are excited about the plans for the year ahead and would love to be able to share more detail around these at our **Course Director Welcome Meeting**:

Monday 13th March 1.30pm – 2.30pm

Invite to follow

This will be hosted by TechSkills' CEO Kelly Nicholls and techUK's Head of Nations and Regions, Matt Robinson online.

We look forward to seeing you in the launch meeting and being able to share a virtual coffee. In the meantime, if you have any more queries or would like to talk anything through, please contact julia.bateson@techskills.org

Proposed programme for the remainder of academic year 2022 – 2023 (more events could be added and updated across the year)

Dates	Event	Primary interest to...
February		
23 February 2023 Virtual webinar 11am – 12pm	Passwordless Authentication in Digital ID	All the TechSkills degree community
March		
1st March	TIG Live	All the TechSkills degree community
8 March 2023 10am – 11am	Ready patient one: What is a realistic view of a metaverse for healthcare?	All the TechSkills degree community
23 March 2023 Hybrid - techUK office and Virtual 3.30pm – 6pm (Talk from 4 to 5pm)	techUK talks with... Vivek K. Daga, Managing Director, UK&I, NTT Limited	All the Tech Skills degree community
28 March 2023 Online 12pm – 1pm	Global perspectives on the future of work techUK Exploring the Future of Work Series	All the TechSkills degree community – students entering the workplace
Digital City Festival 27 - 31 March 2023	Manchester mini-Tech Festival	All our degree HEIs and students
April		
17 – 18 April 2023	TechUK Conference	Degree course Directors / FE colleges / Private providers

27 April 2023 Online 12pm – 1.30pm	Webinar: How do we secure the smart city?	All the Tech Skills degree community
May		
8 – 12 May	Cambridge Tech Festival	Targeted degree HEIs and students Targeted employers
17th and 18th May	Manchester DTX Tech Festival Conference venue	Targeted degree HEIs and students Targeted employers
June		
12th - 16th June 2023	London Tech Week Shape the Future	TBC
July		
5 July 2023 Central London 6.30pm – 12am	techUK Annual Dinner	Staff representative from each degree HEI
10th - 14th July 2023	Bath Digital Festival	TBC
TBC	Birmingham, Bristol and Leeds Tech weeks	