

APPRENTICE AUTOMATION CHALLENGE

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Get involved in the next Apprentice Automation Challenge!

Teams of up to six apprentices must design and build a device to automate an everyday product, developing their knowledge, expertise and skills on a fun-high-profile project that is as close to the real world as it gets.

Teams develop their prototypes and provide updates between March to September, with an exciting finals event at the end of September where apprentices demonstrate their work and get feedback.

Companies: why get involved

- Encourage your apprentices to be more capable
- Contribute to your organisation's CSR activities
- Raise the profile of your organisation through the IMechE
- Attract top-tier apprentice talent

Apprentices: why get involved

- It's free to enter
- Can enter multiple teams from your company
- Have the chance to win £2,000
- Develop your technical skills and experience
- Broaden your professional development
- Gain experience working as part of a team
- Understand product lifecycle processes
- Gain valuable experience for future interviews and roles
- Raise your professional profile

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Registration open until 13 March 2026

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involved and win
£2,000!



The challenge as a whole is a great extra-curricular activity to run alongside normal studies which perfectly encompasses the engineering product lifecycle. You get to see the concept, design, manufacture and marketing phases, and the independence I gained plus the exposure into new areas of engineering I had no experience in both threw me in the deep end but gave me the tools to succeed.

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