

Looking to **move** up the
career ladder

at work? **Considering**
branching out into a
new career?

Want to get a
university level
qualification
that employers will
find **irresistible?**

Want to learn
while you
earn?

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HE **HIGHER**
EDUCATION
at work



Well look no further! There's now a great range of Foundation degrees and work-based university level courses that are right up your street!

What's more you can get on to a course without any formal qualifications – so don't worry if it's been years since you sat in a classroom! As long as you have relevant work experience you should qualify to do a Foundation degree.

For further information contact your Union Learning Rep (ULR) on:



More information on unionlearn and *fdf's* (Foundation Degree Forward's) 'Accessing Higher Education in the Workplace' project can be obtained from

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What Foundation degree **students** and graduates **say**

"The Foundation degree has affected my life in a number of ways. Financially, it has made a big difference. My salary has risen by over 20% in four years and I am now in a pay scale that offers the potential for a 40% rise in my salary compared to where I was before I started the Foundation degree. I am in no doubt whatsoever that the knowledge and skills that the Foundation degree brings have afforded me the rite of passage to a senior management position within my organisation and opened up opportunities for further study."

*Graduate – Nowgen,
a centre for genetics in healthcare*

"It's good for someone like myself who couldn't afford to take a year out of work and doing it this way you are getting paid – it takes a bit longer but you get the same qualification at the end."

Student – JCB Experimental Fitter

"You will see things in work and take them into the university environment and analyse them in a different way, see them in a different light and realise why a certain design and certain selection of materials is as it is. From Britain's biggest companies to the smaller organisations, Foundation degrees are a key part of the Government's strategy to get half the working population educated to degree level to remain competitive."

Weight Engineer – Rolls-Royce

"I thought it was excellent. I thought the work-based learning side of it was especially good. You had the opportunity to get in and get your hands dirty, understand the industry and work with the people that give you the experience that you need, so when you graduate you can hit the ground running with the company and that's a great advantage."

Graduate – Balfour Beatty

