

Routes into STEM Virtual Experience - 2023/24 FAQs

General Information

What is the duration of the course?

Around 20hrs of flexible study, with course available from 2nd October 2023 to 2nd August 2024.

What is the mode of study?

Routes into STEM Virtual Experience is an online course via the Talent LMS platform. All the materials will be available in the module which will include live webinars and activities to take you away from the screen.

Is there a timetable for studying the course?

No, the course is designed to fit around your other commitments and so you can work on the content flexibly when it suits you. There is a [timetable for the live sessions](#) on the course platform and you will be able to choose to attend the ones that interest you.

What is the URL for the course?

<https://icbronzeroutes-edt.talentlms.com/index>

I forgot my password, what now?

You can reset your password by clicking on *Forgot your password?* here <https://icbronzeroutes-edt.talentlms.com/index> or you can email student recruitment studentrecruitment@etrust.org.uk for this to be reset (please note this email address will be monitored Monday – Friday 9am-4pm).

Accessibility

Most of the course content is available to download should you have problems with internet connections (full details of how to do this will be in the introduction of the course).

If you have any specific adjustments you need to make the course accessible to you please contact studentrecruitment@etrust.org.uk (please note this email address will be monitored Monday – Friday 9am-4pm) who will be able to discuss this with you.

Course content

How is the course structured?

Your course will be split up into different sections. These are Introduction, College life, University life, Apprenticeship life, Workshops, Careers skills, Live sessions, and Evaluation modules. You must complete the Introduction section first. The other sections can be studied in any order and you can

switch back and forth between the sections to vary your learning. When all modules are complete your certificate module will unlock.

Routes into STEM is a 20-hour course to qualify for the Industrial Cadets Bronze Award a breakdown of the approximate time on each section can be seen below. You may wish to spend longer on some sections or attend more than three live sessions.

Section	Hours
Introduction	1*
Live Sessions	At least 3 sessions (3 hours)
College life (including research project)	2*
University life (including research project)	2*
Apprenticeship life (including research project)	2*
Workshop (including extended project)	6* (2 hours for workshops, 4 hours for independent project)
Careers Skills	2*
Evaluation	2*

***Section times are approximate**

Introduction

This will introduce you the course, help explain how it works and what you will have achieved by the time you finish. You should expect to spend about an hour on this including getting logged on.

Live Sessions

How many live sessions do I have to attend?

You must take part in **at least three live sessions** to gain your Bronze Industrial Cadets Award. Each session will have a Q&A opportunity and we very much encourage you to research some questions beforehand. Some of the sessions will involve you taking part in an interactive activity.

How do I register for the live sessions I'm interested in?

You can sign up to the live sessions on the live session course timetable when you login under Live Sessions section. We would encourage you to sign up early to make sure you are able to attend the sessions that most interest you.

What if I am unable to attend some of the live sessions due to Wi-Fi issues?

All of the live session are recorded; therefore, you are able to watch them after they have taken place and you have an internet connection. The recordings tend to be available a day after they have taken place.

What if I am unable to attend the three sessions needed to complete the course due to other commitments?

Please get in touch with us if this is the case studentrecruitment@etrust.org.uk (please note this email address will be monitored Monday – Friday 9am-4pm).

College life (including research project)

This section will allow you to explore further education colleges as a Route into STEM, see what they have to offer, find out more about different courses in STEM and complete a research project. You should expect to spend about two hours on this section.

University life (including research project)

This section will allow you to explore university as a Route into STEM, see what STEM courses are like, hear from students and virtually explore their facilities. You will also complete a research project. You should expect to spend about two hours on this section.

Apprenticeship life (including research project)

This section will introduce you to STEM apprenticeships, see how Apprenticeships work in industry and hear from apprentices about how they entered their STEM career. You will also complete a research project. You should expect to spend about two hours on this section.

Workshop

In the workshop you can gain an in-depth understanding of an area of STEM that interests you. Full details of the projects will be listed in this section but allow four hours as you will need to complete independent research, compile the project and present it. How you present it will be down to you, be as creative and innovative as you can! You'll receive feedback on the project by one of the team. You can complete as many workshops and projects as you like but you must complete and submit one.

How long will it take for my project to be assessed?

It can take us up to 5 working days to assess your project work, although we always try to get it assessed as quickly as possible.

Careers Skills

This section will start to look at your skills and how you can express them in an CV, application form or personal statement helping you towards your own route into STEM. You should expect to spend about two hours on this section.

Evaluation

By the time you reach the Evaluation section you will have studied all of the required content on the course. This final section is a piece of feedback and reflection on what you have learnt, and on submission you will get your certificate to download. This section includes a downloadable personal action plan where you can complete your own personal route into STEM and the actions needed. This section will take you around two hours so please leave yourself enough time to complete it before the course close date otherwise you will not be able to get your certificate.

I cannot move on to the next part of course

This could be due to two reasons:

- Your project needs to be assessed before you can progress further with the next module
- You haven't completed all the mandatory sections, make sure you check to see any that haven't been ticked off

Further Info

If I don't manage to graduate this time round will there be another opportunity?

You would have to apply and pay for another course to be able to take part again. Your progress would not be carried over and so you would have to study all the course content again from the beginning. We strongly recommend that you try and complete the course on your first attempt.

What if I have more questions?

In the introduction section of the course, you will watch a video which will explain in detail how the course works and answer many of the questions you may have. During the course you can use the messaging facility on the course platform to contact a tutor. If you have any questions or issues that arise during the course, you can also always contact our student support team studentrecruitment@etrust.org.uk and we'll be happy to answer any of your questions. Please bear in mind that our support team only work Mon-Fri 9am-4pm so outside of these times you will have to wait for a response.