

Liverpool Life Sciences UTC

T Level Science

What is T Level Science?

T Levels are a rigorous, two-year technical qualification designed in direct collaboration with leading industry employers to tackle the UK's skills shortage. Equivalent in size and academic value to three A Levels, this Level 3 programme is specifically tailored for 16-to-19-year-olds who have completed their GCSEs and want a direct career route into the sciences. T Levels include a mandatory industry placement of 45 days.

Mutual Value: What Do Science Businesses and Students Gain?

Benefits to Science Businesses	Benefits for Science Students
Early Access to Talent: Get a first look at the next generation of technicians and researchers, establishing a direct recruitment pipeline.	Practical Application: Translate textbook theory into commercial realities within research, clinical, or manufacturing environments.
Cost-Effective Project Support: Utilise capable trainees to assist with data analysis, trial administration, or laboratory maintenance.	Employability & Network: Develop essential workplace behaviours like timekeeping, compliance, teamwork, while building an industry network.
Staff Development: Staff members gain valuable, low-risk mentorship and management experience by supervising a student placement.	Accelerated Progression: Earn UCAS points for university or progress seamlessly into a higher-level apprenticeship or employment.



Industry Placement Structure and Requirements

The industry placement is structured to be highly adaptable to the dynamic, fast-paced demands of science businesses.

Duration: The placement must last a minimum of **45 days (or 315 hours)** across the two-year course.

Delivery: Placements can be delivered as a single continuous block of working days, a day-release model (e.g., 1–2 days per week), or a combination of both to fit your project lifecycles.

No Salary Obligation: As this is an educational placement, employers are not required to pay the student, though they can choose to cover basic travel and lunch costs at their discretion.

Streamlined Onboarding: Education providers manage the bulk of the administration. They assist with student matching, pre-screening, student safety compliance, and setting explicit workplace objectives aligned with your business operations.

Placement Flexibility:

- They can occur at almost any time of the year
- The placement can be split across several departments within the same business.
- Up to 20% of the placement can be completed remotely (usually at the school/college) working on a task/project for the employer.
- Businesses can also potentially partner with one other company to jointly host the placement.