

# Policies to Power the UK's future

University Alliance is calling on the Government to enact the following policies to enhance universities' contribution to the national economic, social and cultural recovery

## Jobs and skills



1. **Ensure regulation does not hinder innovation and disincentive flexible modes of study.**
2. **Make higher technical provision more accessible and transparent.** Explicitly brand programmes as preparation for progression within a particular technical route from level four to eight.
3. **Improve awareness of degree apprenticeships and make them more flexible.** Unlock the Apprenticeships Levy to flexible and part-time earn-and-learn programmes.
4. **Level 6 and 7 apprenticeships should normally lead to degrees.** Universities should ensure that the designation of the award shows it was achieved through the apprenticeship route (e.g., BScAppr)



## Public sector workforce

5. **Incentivise schools to offer increased placement opportunities for trainee teachers.**
6. **Increase capacity on nursing and allied health courses.** This could be achieved by increasing placement tariffs; increasing the use of simulation and virtual/augmented reality; and expanding placements beyond the NHS.

## Research and Innovation

7. **Reach the 2.4% R&D target by 2027.** Ensure investment facilitates more places across the UK to fulfil their R&D potential and more opportunities for **collaboration between universities and industry.**
8. **The UK Shared Prosperity Fund should be underpinned by a National Framework** setting balance of funding to skills development, business support (particularly for SMEs) and research & innovation.



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