Edinburgh Napier gets major funding to teach digital skills

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Edinburgh Napier's School of Computing has received funding of more than £1million from Skills Development Scotland (SDS).

This will allow them to develop two new course which will be work-based in answer to demands from employers.

There will be two Honours programmes in Software Development for Business and Information Technology Management for Business which will start in May this year.

Students will get a specialist higher education along with work experience.

There are 30 places available across both courses following the funding from SDS.

Dr Sally Smith, Dean of Edinburgh Napier's School of Computing, said: "Nationally employers have a large unmet demand for more computing graduates. These courses will be a true partnership between the tech sector in Scotland and the University and are designed to attract new talent into the sector."

Jonathan Clark, Director of Service Design and Innovation at Skills Development Scotland said: "Graduate Level Apprenticeships have the potential to transform the way that young people access further and higher education.

"Graduate Apprentices will be employed during their studies and because much of the learning takes place in the workplace they will have the opportunity to immediately apply what they learn at college or university in their jobs – and vice versa.

"This provides opportunities for employers to help shape the skills of their employees and to address skills shortages affecting their industry and the local economy.

"SDS is delighted to be working with Edinburgh Napier University to deliver two Graduate Level Apprenticeships in IT and we look forward to working together to develop the skills employers need."