Digital Badging Grants

Funding Agreement

Digital badge issuing is undertaken with a digital badge platform provider membership. This costs on-average between £300-£1000. Region of Learning support the development of digital badges to the RSA open badge standard. To meet this nationally recognised standard recognised by City & Guilds, your badges will need to be quality assured to standardise them and this will also be covered by the grant funding.

As part of your badging grant you will receive an initial onboarding consultation which will include badge writing and issuing support as well as toolkit to support your ongoing communication needs. The Region of Learning team will also be available to support you throughout your badging journey offering networking, e-newsletter workshop and webinar events linking you to the wider badging eco-system

How to apply

Please contact the Region of Learning team for a consultation, to see how your learning offer can fit with digital badging regionoflearning@cambridge.gov.uk

 Eligibility

To be eligible for this grant you will need to comply with the following criteria. Your organisation or offer must meet one of the following conditions:

- Not-for profit organisations
- Small to medium sized enterprises (SMEs)
- Charities
- Those working within specific pathway development projects including Open University and City & Guilds Qualifications.
- Those meeting high priority areas such as
  - Disadvantaged groups
  - Cambridge City Council Residents
  - Vulnerable adults and young people
  - NEETs
- Those who are progressing priority growth areas or meeting LSIP aims.
  - Manufacturing
  - Agri-tech
  - Digital
  - Life sciences
  - Green skills

 Using Your Digital Badges

Once awarded the grant you must agree to:

- Write a minimum of 2 digital badges within a year's membership.
- Identify the profile and number of earners for your badges
- You must issue your badges to maintain your membership. If you cannot issue badges within the first six months, you will be contact by a member of the Region of Learning team to review your membership and identify areas for support.

Making Your Badges Go Further

In order to make digital badging as successful as possible we will provide support and a toolkit and you must commit to:

- Promote digital badges through your identified offer.
- Support learners to understand what the benefits of digital badging.
- Support learners in accessing digital badges issued to them.
- As an employer – you must agree to share and display your Digital Badge recognition pledge.
- As a learning organisation you must agree to display your Region of Learning adopter badge and promote your badges to your users.
- Encourage individuals and organisations to use digital badging handles
    - #regionoflearning
    - #digitalbadging
    - @regoflearning

Grant Criteria Checklist

Organisation Name		Date of consultation
Organisation contact		
Organisation earner profile		
	Earner numbers	Number of badges to write
Eligibility criteria met	- Not-for profit organisations - Small to medium sized enterprises (SMEs) - Charities - Those working within specific pathway development projects including Open University and City & Guilds Qualifications. - Those meeting high priority areas such as - Disadvantaged groups - Cambridge City Council Residents - Vulnerable adults and young people - NEETs - Adults returning to work - Those who are progressing priority growth areas or meeting LSIP aims - Manufacturing - Agri-tech - Digital - Life sciences - Green skills	
Pathway potential/ connected organisations		Agree/sent pledge or adopter badge y/n
	Training undertaken/issuing	Toolkit sent Y/N