

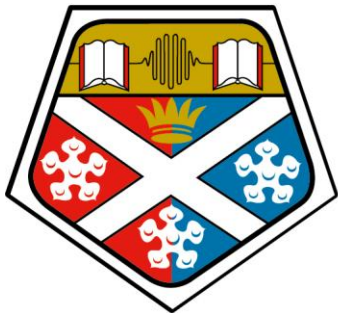
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the  
**ENGINEERING**  
**ACADEMY**

**The Engineering Academy – increasing access to engineering and enhancing the learner experience through collaborative partnerships.**

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# Outline

- Vision and Aims
- Funding Model
- The Partnership
- Curriculum Model
- Added Value
- Industry Engagement
- Q&A



# Vision

## Aims

- To widen access to engineering
- To collaborate with further education colleges
- To build a strong sustainable partnership model
- To secure additional funding to deliver our vision

# Strathclyde Vision 2030

## **Strategic aim 1.2: Widening access & participation**

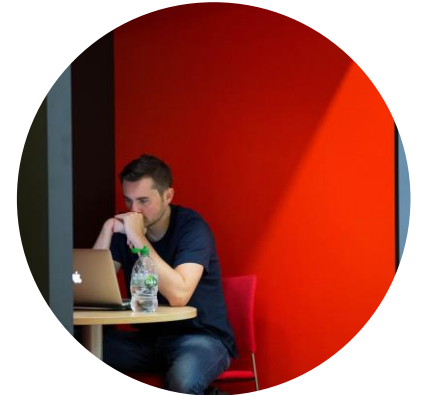
We are committed to boosting our support of widening access, participation, inclusion and diversity, being sector leading amongst research-intensive universities. We do this by developing and supporting our students from all backgrounds to realise their potential through the education and student experience we provide across all levels of study.



<https://www.strath.ac.uk/engineering/studywithus/engineeringacademy/>

# What is the Engineering Academy?

- Unique access route into University
- Working in partnership with colleges
- Year 1 – enhanced HNC + practical skills units
- Year 2 – transfer to second year\* of one of our degree programmes offered by 7 of our engineering departments  
(\*transfer to first year for Biomedical Engineering)
- Supported by industry
- Scholarships and paid summer placements



# Engineering Academy (EA) - College Partner Funding Model

First 4 years (4 intakes) – **80 places initially which increased to 100**

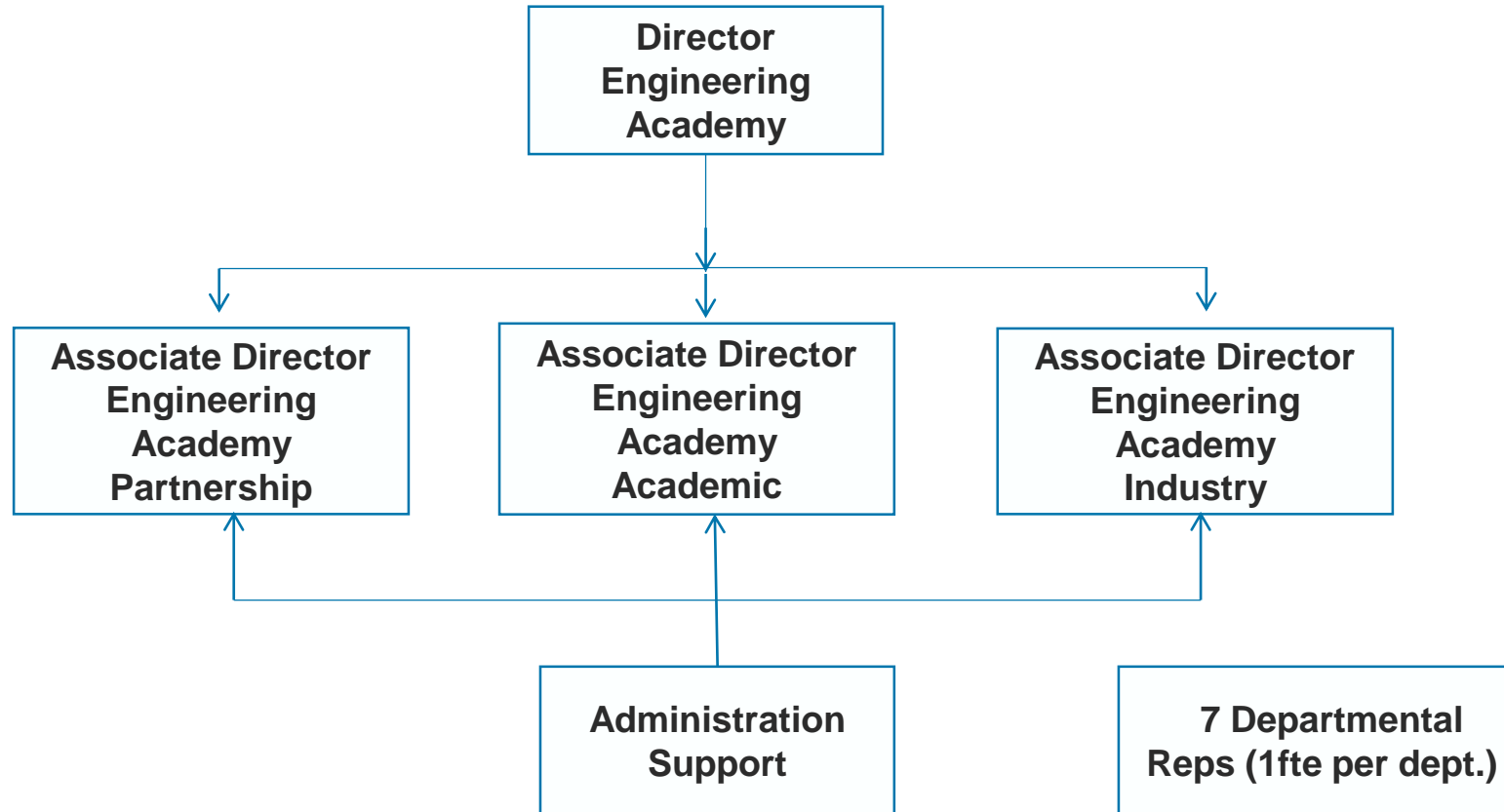
## Funding components - **Figures used for illustrative purposes only**

- Scottish Funding Council (SFC) Group price (2/3) £9000 circa. per student.
- Students Awards Agency Scotland (SAAS) £1285 circa. per student.
- College Partners receive 75% of the fee £6750, (Minus the SAAS element) = £5465 per capita payment.
- College partner registers each student for SAAS element £1285.
- **Total income received by the Partner College** ( £5465 + £1285) = **£6750**
- **University retains (Administration) 25% of SFC funding** **£2250**

**Additional SFC funding ended in 2016. EA funding for 2017 onwards is funded from the university using the same model.**



# Management Structure



# Partnership Operation

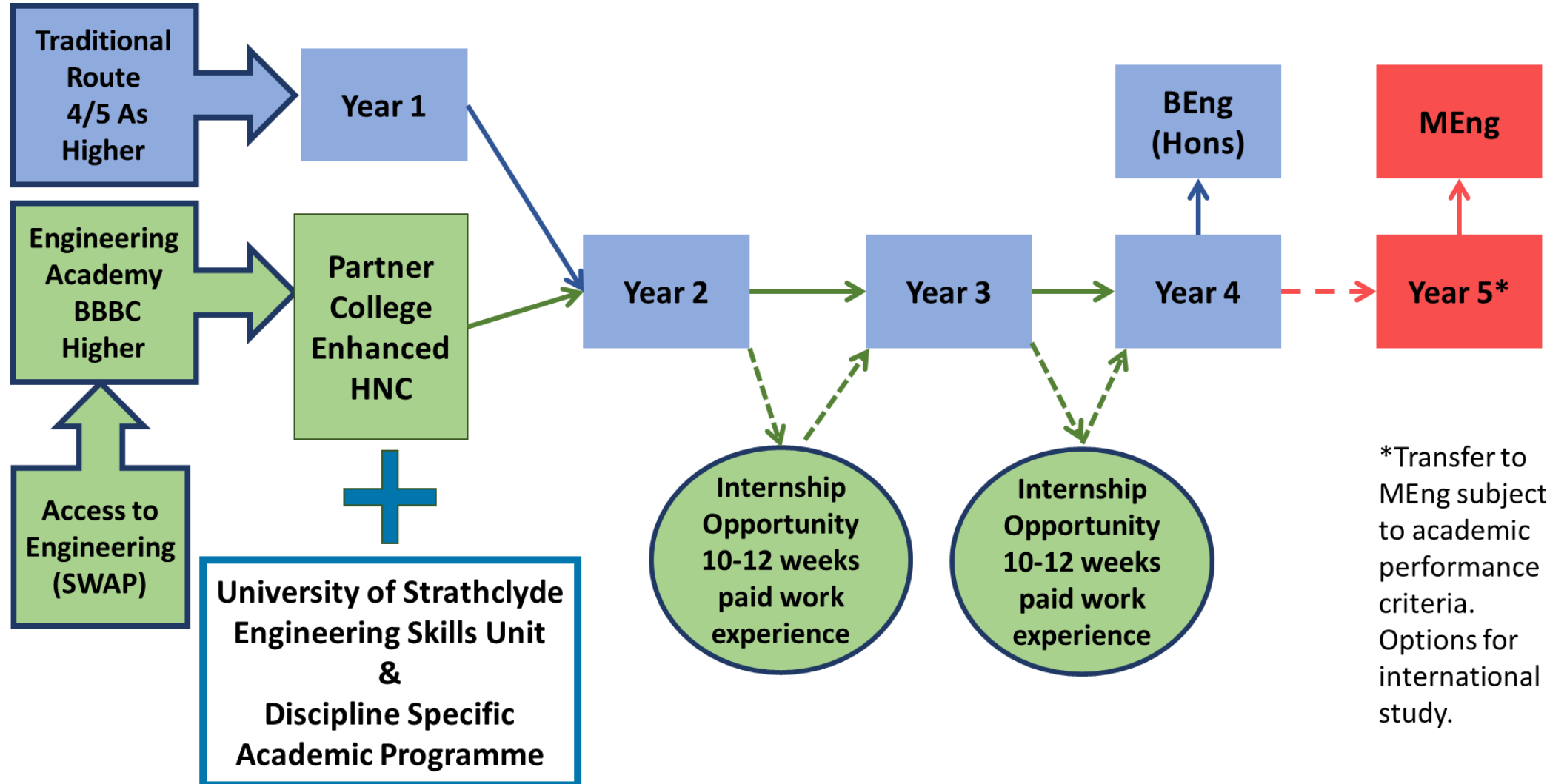
- Partnership Management Meetings - 2 per year, Status report presented at December meeting.
- Partnership collaborative agreement in place.
- Data sharing agreement in place.
- College visits – 1 per semester
- Attendance reporting – Monthly for partner colleges
- Progress reporting – 2 per semester from partner colleges
- Final reporting – Progression Board (June).

Working Groups	Membership (Chaired By Associate Director EA)	Activity
<b>General Engineering</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Biomedical Engineering</li> <li>• Civil and Environmental Engineering</li> <li>• Design, Manufacture &amp; Engineering Management</li> <li>• Mechanical &amp; Aerospace Eng.</li> <li>• Naval Architecture, Ocean and Marine Engineering</li> </ul>	Lecturing staff in the discipline areas from the university and the college partners	Identify curriculum 'Hot Spots', curriculum review (year1), share materials via university VLE and identify joint staff development opportunities.
<b>Electronic &amp; Electrical Engineering</b>	As Above	As above
<b>Chemical Process Engineering</b>	As above	As above
<b>Mathematics</b>	As above	As above
<b>Communication</b>	Departmental Representatives and college communications lecturers	Integration of university transition student project reports for formal SQA assessment purposes.
<b>Schools Liaison</b>	College partners schools liaison staff	Operational partnership working to engage with schools, especially low progression schools.

# The Partnership



# Engineering Academy Pathway





# Engineering Degrees

Pathway to one of the following Faculty of Engineering Departments:

- Biomedical Engineering\* (Year one)
- Civil and Environmental Engineering
- Chemical and Process Engineering
- Design, Manufacture and Engineering Management
- Electronic and Electrical Engineering
- Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering
- Naval Architecture, Ocean and Marine Engineering



# Enhanced HNC Curriculum

Embedded HNC Mechanical Engineering Award	
<b>H7MB34 (M)</b>	Communication: Practical Skills
<b>HK033 (M)</b>	Engineering Mathematics 1 - <b>CREDITED</b>
<b>DT8Y34 (M)</b>	Quality Management: An Introduction
<b>DR3L34 (M)</b>	Engineering Principles
<b>DT4634 (M)</b>	Materials Selection
<b>DRIT34 (M)</b>	Statics and Strength of Materials
<b>DT9P34 (M)</b>	Thermofluids
<b>DT9T34 (M)</b>	Dynamics
<b>DT9X34 (M)</b>	Pneumatics and Hydraulics
<b>DV1134 (M)</b>	Graded Unit 1 Examination
<b>DR1W34</b>	Engineering Drawing
<b>FY9E34</b>	DC and AC Principles
<b>DR3M35</b>	Design for Manufacture
<b>DR1X34</b>	Computer Aided Drawing for Engineers
<b>H7K1 34</b>	Engineering Mathematics 2
<b>H7K2 34</b>	Engineering Mathematics 3
<b>H7K3 35</b>	Engineering Mathematics 4

## Allows Progression to BEng Hons in:

Biomedical Engineering

Civil Engineering

Civil & Environmental Engineering

Product Design Engineering

Manufacturing Engineering with Management

Sports Design Engineering

Product Design and Innovation

Mechanical Engineering

Naval Architecture & Marine Engineering

Naval Architecture with Ocean Engineering

Naval Architecture with High Performance Marine Vehicles

# Enhanced HNC Curriculum

**Allows Progression to BEng Hons in:**  
Electronic and Electrical Engineering

Embedded HNC Electronic Engineering Award	
<b>H7MB34 (M)</b>	Communication: Practical Skills
<b>HK0 33 (M)</b>	Engineering Mathematics 1 - <b>CREDITED</b>
<b>FY9E34 (M)</b>	DC and AC Principles
<b>DG3N34 (M)</b>	Electronic Testing Skills
<b>FY9T34 (M)</b>	Analogue Electronic Principles
<b>DG3C34 (M)</b>	Combinational Logic
<b>DG5334 (M)</b>	Sequential Logic
<b>DG5834 (M)</b>	High Level Engineering Software
<b>DG2T34 (M)</b>	Graded Unit 1 Examination
<b>DG3G34</b>	Electrical Networks & Resonance
<b>DG2W35</b>	Active Electronic Circuits
<b>H7K1 34</b>	Engineering Mathematics 2
<b>H7K2 34</b>	Engineering Mathematics 3
<b>H7K3 35</b>	Engineering Mathematics 4

# Enhanced HNC Curriculum

Allows Progression to BEng Hons in:  
Chemical Engineering

Embedded HNC Chemical Process Technology Award	
H92X 34 (M)	Fundamentals Chemistry: Theory and Laboratory Skills
H92Y 34	Inorganic Chemistry: Theory and Laboratory Skills
H933 34 (M)	Organic Chemistry: Theory and Laboratory Skills
H936 34 (M)	Physical Chemistry: Theory and Laboratory Skills
HF0K 34 (M)	Chemical Process Technology Graded Unit 1
H97N 34 (M)	Chemical Engineering: Principles
HE3E 34 (M)	Fluid Mechanics: Theory and Laboratory Skills
HE3F 34 (M)	Process Safety Engineering
H97T 34 (M)	Heat Transfer: Theory and Practical Skills
HE3J 35	Process Operations: Heat Exchange, Drying and Evaporation
HE3G 34	Industrial Chemicals: Processes and Products
HK0 33 (M)	Engineering Mathematics 1 - <b>CREDITED</b>
H7K1 34 (M)	Engineering Mathematics 2
H7K2 34	Engineering Mathematics 3
H7K3 35	Engineering Mathematics 4
H7K4 35	Engineering Mathematics 5

Practical Units	
AY1904\01	Start Up and Shutdown a Process System
AY1A04\03	Monitor a Process System
B5K904\03	Contribute to the Health and Safety of the Working Environment



# Engineering Skills Laboratory

- In-depth practical skills training in year one of the programme
  - SQA Double Unit: Engineering Skills DR1V 34
  - 88 Hours of hands-on laboratory training
- Delivered at the University
- Supported by experienced technical staff





# Department Transition Activities

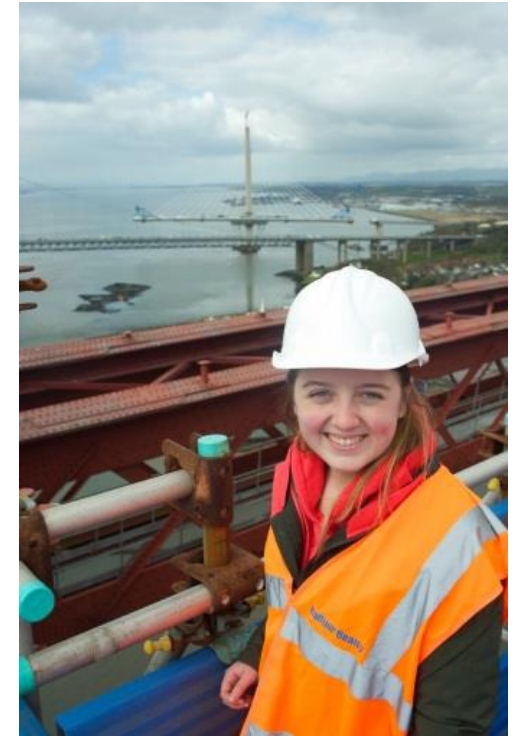
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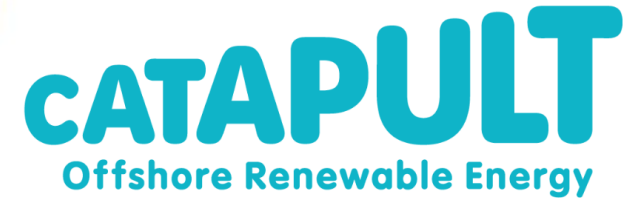
- Build sense of belonging
- Develop study skills
  - Independent learning
  - Report writing
- Academic content
  - Curriculum gaps
  - University software packages



# Industry and Placements

- Opportunity to apply for paid summer placements for Engineering Academy Students only
- Placements – between years 2 & 3 and 3 & 4
- Examples of previous partners:
  - BabCock Marine & Technology,
  - GeoSea DEME,
  - MWAVES,
  - SPT and
  - Star Refrigeration





# Admissions & Entry Requirements

- Apply through UCAS direct to the University (no need to also apply to college)
- Typically remain open after the standard UCAS deadline
- Standard entry requirements **BBBC**  
(Including Maths and Physics/ Engineering Science at B. For entry to Chemical Engineering, Higher Physics is not required but Higher Maths and Higher Chemistry at B are required, and for entry to Biomedical Engineering, Higher Biology or Human Biology at B is also required.)
- Applicants with one or more widening access flag will be eligible for lower offer and the minimum is **BBCC**
- Alternative qualifications, including Access programmes, also accepted





# Progression from Year 1 to Year 2

Academic regulations for progression.

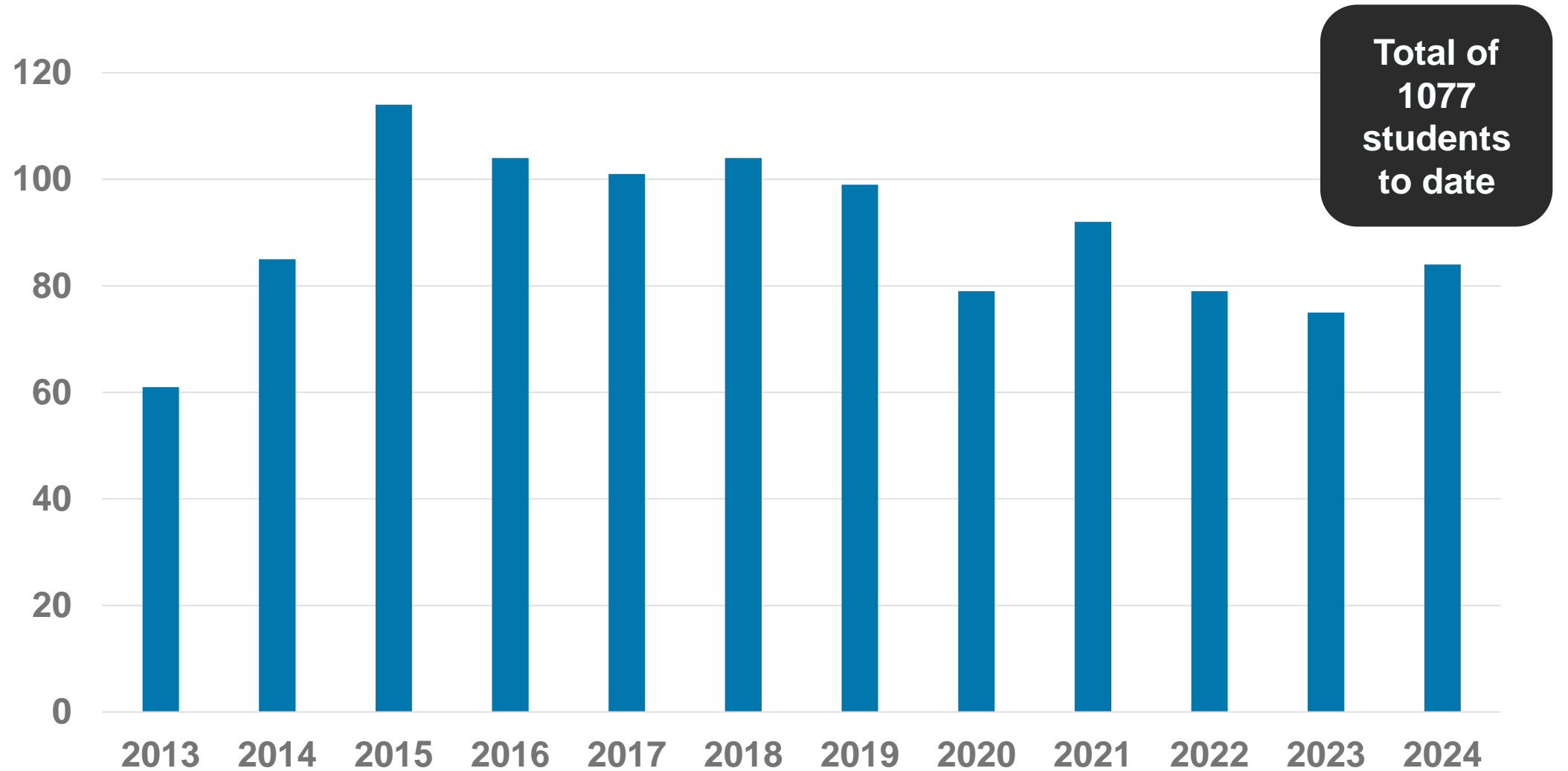
- Complete and pass all of the units of the HNC curriculum and obtain an A in the Graded Unit
- Attend and complete Engineering Skills DR1V34\*
- Attend and complete all activities delivered at the University during year 1

\*Except Chemical and Process Engineering

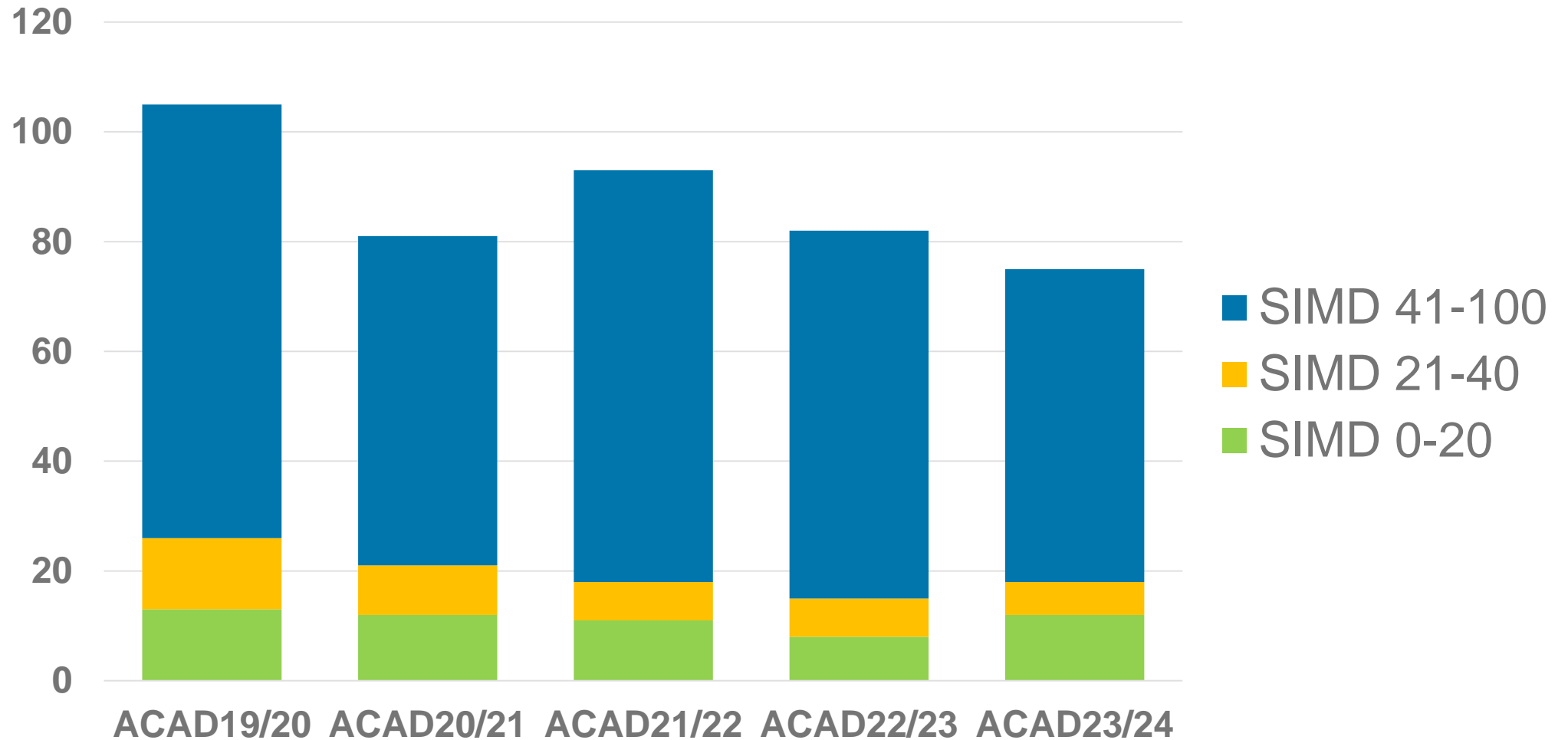




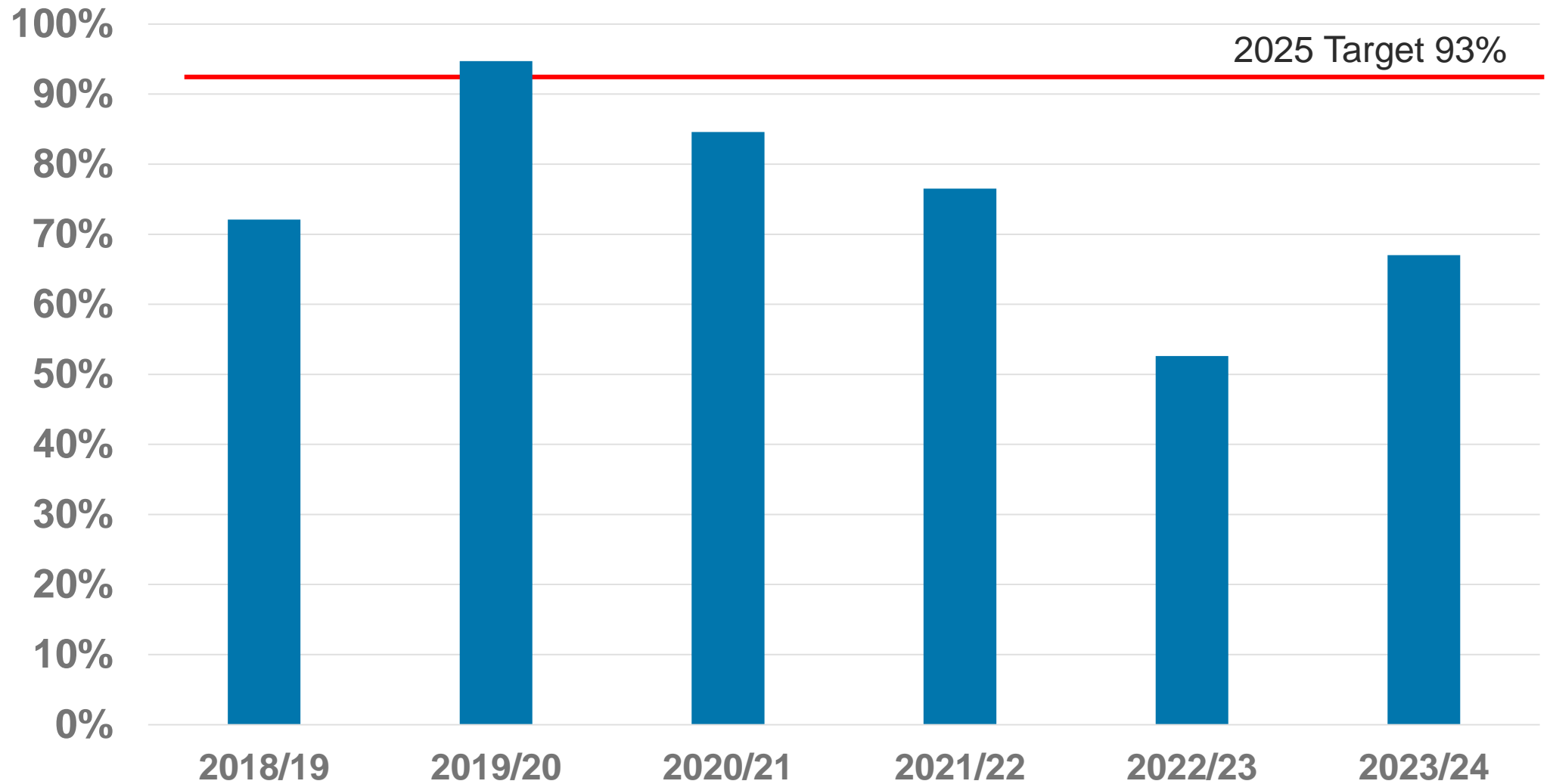
# Engineering Academy Intake



# Engineering Academy Widening Access



# Progression Rate



# Challenges

- Awareness/Marketing
- Communication
  - Student and college partners
- Student-college allocation
- Timetabling
- Year 1 to Year 2 progression rate
- Student retention - Year 2 onwards
- Industry engagement



# Highlights

- Scottish Funding Council –

**“ The Engineering Academy has exceeded all expectations” CEO SFC 2017**

- Winner 2017 Scottish Qualification Authority (SQA) Star Awards:

**Partnership of the year and Highly commended for Widening Access.**

- EA Student won the Telegraph STEM UK Award, cheque for £25k (2017)
- 166 Graduates at BEng Hons & 13 BEng Ordinary
- 130 Graduates at MEng





# Summary

The Engineering Academy programme provides the following advantages/opportunities:

Supported transition to University study

National qualification in year 1 (HNC)

Paid work placement opportunities

Scholarships/sponsorships

Practical skills development







# Acknowledgements



# Any questions for us?



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