

Future Flight

With a deep heritage in aerospace and world-class digital and science capabilities, UK industry is well placed to provide the innovative, collaborative driving force needed to tackle the grand challenges of a post COVID-19 world, net zero and sustainability.

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This £2.5m project has secured partial funding through the Government's Future of Flight Challenge, which was created to find innovative methods of achieving greener flight, finding new ways to travel, increasing mobility, improving connectivity and reducing congestion. Atkins, in addition to managing the project, will provide whole-system enterprise architecture, develop safety cases and create processes for secure passenger identification management.

“This is an important and tangible step towards making Advanced Air Mobility a reality, and by demonstrating that we can provide a case for air taxis, we could begin trialling these services as early as 2023.”

– James Richmond, Atkins Advanced Air Mobility Lead



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Atkins joins the Women in Aviation and Aerospace Charter

The Women in Aviation and Aerospace Charter reflects the aspiration of the industry to see gender balance across all levels. It is a commitment to support the progression of women into senior roles and publicly report on progress toward internal targets.

“Atkins is dedicated to becoming a sector leader in equality and has made a number of commitments to help improve gender balance. This includes setting targets for our early careers intake; providing senior professionals with a route back into employment after a career break via the STEM Returners programme; and most recently with our newly defined three-year ED&I strategy. [...] Initiatives like the Charter ensure that we continue with this progress and make aerospace and aviation an environment in which women can flourish.”

– Claire Jamison, Principal Engineer

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“The current challenge is around the recovery of the industry from the Covid-19 crisis, and I believe it will emerge fundamentally changed. While it's difficult to say what that will mean and how long it will take, there is a certain amount of optimism in the industry that this will be an opportunity to emerge stronger, healthier and much better prepared for potential future downturns.”

– Sara Mennani,
Consultant II Business Analyst

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