



TECH NATION
GLOBAL TALENT

Global Talent Visa

Work, Live & Thrive in UK Tech



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The UK tech sector is one of the world's top destinations for global talent

With a combined market value of more than \$1t in 2023, the UK tech sector is one of the world's top destinations for global talent.

Tech Nation administers endorsements for the **Global Talent Visa**, enabling the best tech talent from around the world to build their careers in the UK.

Tech Nation is the official Home Office designated endorsing body authorised to assess endorsement applications from individuals with expertise in digital technology and who want to come to the UK under the Global Talent Visa.



Together Tech Nation Global Talent Visa Alumni have contributed to the growth of the UK tech ecosystem, now worth more than

\$1 Trillion

They mainly work in



1 in 4
are founders



Apps & software development



Fintech



AI & machine learning

1 in 3
have software engineering skills



95%
are educated at bachelor's degree level or higher



Choose your pathway



Exceptional Talent

For those who are established in their career (5+ years), have a track record of impact and innovation as an employee or founder and the wider respect of your industry or backed by a strong academic record.

Eligible for permanent residency after 3 years



Exceptional Promise

For those who may be at an early stage in their career (less than 5 years) and have already proved the potential to make an early impact as an employee or founder or backed by a strong academic record.

Eligible for permanent residency after 5 years



Intended Applicants

The Global Talent Visa is open to talented professionals with **technical** or **business skills** in the digital technology sector wishing to **work, live and thrive** in the UK.



Technical applicants

must demonstrate proven technical expertise with the latest technologies in building, using, deploying or exploiting a technology stack and building technical infrastructure.



Business applicants

must demonstrate proven commercial, investment, or product expertise in building digital products or leading investments in significant digital product businesses.

[Learn more about the Global Talent Visa here](#)



Stage 1 - Applying for Endorsement



Review the Home Office Official Guidance and Tech Nation Visa Guide

Complete the online Home Office Application for Endorsement form
Includes payment of fees

Submit your Tech Nation Application for Endorsement form
Upload supporting evidence

Tech Nation will assess your application for endorsement within approximately 8 weeks

If you are endorsed, Tech Nation will notify the Home Office, who notify you

In the event you are not successful,
you have 3 options

1. Apply for a review: Complete a Review Form and Tech Nation will reconsider your application








2. Re-apply through the same route,
which allows you to add new evidence

3. Apply for entry through another route

Stage 2



After a successful endorsement,
apply for a visa through the Home
Office, Tech Nation are not involved
in this process

-  **Uncapped availability**
No quota on endorsement. Applications open all year-round to exceptional tech talent
-  **Flexibility**
No job offer is required. Switch jobs or start your own venture without the need for further authorization
-  **Launch your career**
No sponsorship licence necessary. Be empowered to explore career opportunities without being tied to a specific employer
-  **Amazing network**
Join a friendly alumni community of world leading tech professionals
-  **Family friendly**
Your immediate family can come with you
-  **Extend**
After the initial visa period, Global Talent Visa holders can apply for an extension
-  **Pathway to citizenship**
Option to apply for permanent settlement after 3 or 5 years (depending on Talent or Promise pathway respectively)

Why the UK is the #1 destination for tech founders

£1bn⁺

The UK has produced 168 \$1bn+ startups

£5bn

Total capital raised from UK climate tech startups in 2023

64%

Capital raised came from international investors in 2023

VC

The UK raised more VC than France and Germany combined in 2023

\$1.1tr

Total value of the UK tech ecosystem in 2023

£15.8bn

Total capital invested in genAI in 2023

500⁺

Angel groups in the UK that invested in 2023

\$180bn

63 UK unicorns have not yet exited, are now worth a combined \$180bn



Become part of the Thrive Alumni Network



Over **2500 and growing** exceptional tech professionals with global experience, ready to lead and drive innovation across the UK are already a part of our alumni community.

With the Global Talent Visa, you'll find the inspiration, innovation and support you need to drive your career in the right direction, or set up a thriving tech business with the vision you want. From building your foundations in the UK to reaching the pinnacle of success, you'll have an ever-growing **network of support** right by your side.

Organisations Hiring Global Talent Alumni:



“Here in the UK, you can make leaps. You can leverage your knowledge towards something new.”

Hachem Yassine, Fueling UK Tech from Silicon Gorge



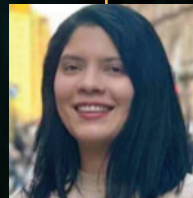
“The UK is a great place for health tech startups”

Helena Binetskaya, Innovating in Health Tech



“There’s the tech ecosystem and talent in the UK to develop game-changer innovation projects.”

Olcay Yilmaz Damar, choosing the UK Over Silicon Valley







“We plan to stay in Leeds, grow our business, and attract talent to the north.”

Saile Villegas, Building an AI company in the UK



Your journey starts here

Now is the time to plan ahead and consider your options.

-  READ THE TECH NATION GUIDE
-  READ HOME OFFICE GUIDANCE
-  CONNECT WITH OUR ALUMNI
-  START YOUR APPLICATION

