

Seven locations, seven best apprentices: Audi's top trainees in 2022

- **Fifty people who completed their training with the Volkswagen Group will be honored with the title “Best Apprentice 2022” – including seven trainees from multiple Audi Group locations and brands**
- **Member of the Board of Management for Human Resources and Organization Xavier Ros: “These young talents are the future of our strong brand. They are the best proof that training with Audi offers the most exciting career prospects in the world.”**
- **Audi Chairman of the General Works Council Peter Mosch: “At Audi, we view dual training as an obligation we have to society as well as to young people and their professional futures.”**

Ingolstadt/Neckarsulm, November 24, 2022 – The best apprentices in 2022 at the Audi locations in Ingolstadt, Neckarsulm, Brussels, Győr, and San José Chiapa, as well as at its subsidiary brands Ducati in Bologna and Lamborghini in Sant'Agata Bolognese, have reason to be proud: All seven are among the winners of the “Best Apprentice Award,” which the Volkswagen Group presents each year to 50 outstanding training program finishers.

“These young talents are the future of our strong brand and our strong products,” said Member of the Board of Management for Human Resources and Organization at Audi Xavier Ros at the ceremony of the Volkswagen Group’s 2022 Best Apprentice Award. “During a time when there is a scarcity of skilled workers, developing and rewarding trainees is more important than ever. I am delighted that these young people are making the most of this great opportunity and demonstrating through their outstanding performance that training with Audi offers the most exciting career prospects in the world.”

Chairman of the General Works Council at AUDI AG Peter Mosch adds: “The demands on our next generation are constantly growing and so the level our training programs is equally high. That’s why the Works Councils view dual training as an obligation we have to society as well as to young people and their professional futures.”

“Best Apprentices” at seven Audi Group locations

The annual Best Apprentice Award is a tribute to the entire Group. The 50 best apprentices, who all completed training programs in the Volkswagen Group, received the award this year. This includes a total of seven program finishers from Audi Group’s German locations and sites in Belgium, Hungary, and Mexico as well as at its Italian subsidiaries.

The equipment, data and prices specified in this document refer to the model range offered in Germany. Subject to change without notice; errors and omissions excepted.

**The collective fuel/electric power consumption and emissions values of all models named and available on the German market can be found in the list provided at the end of this text.*

At the Neckarsulm site, the Best Apprentice Award went to **Leon Wolf**, who trained as a materials tester in the field of metal technology. Additionally, the Heilbronn-Franken Chamber of Industry and Commerce named this Audi employee the Chamber and state winner in his field. “To me, the whole training program was a highlight,” Wolf says. “Audi Neckarsulm is the home of Audi Sport. Whenever you walk through the site, you see our most beautiful performance models.” That’s where Wolf sees his ideal workplace - since completing his training, Wolf has been working in the bodyshop at Böllinger Höfe, where the Audi e-tron GT* and the Audi R8, among others, are built.

In Ingolstadt, the winner of the Best Apprentice Award is **Pascal Stirner**. At the top of his training program, Stirner also excelled at vocational school – and passed the exam to become a warehouse logistics specialist with a perfect final grade. But that didn’t satisfy Stirner, who has now begun advanced training to become an industrial business administrator. He plans to complete the program with a Bachelor’s degree in 2024. “To me, Audi has always been the undisputed number one in the automotive industry,” Stirner says, which is why he reports he will remain loyal to the brand. “I would like to deepen my knowledge in the field of logistics, both in practice and in theory. And I’m very much looking forward to mastering new challenges in the emerging field of e-mobility.”

The winner of the Best Apprentice Award at Audi Hungaria in Győr is **Alexandra Rácz**. She passed her final exam in Hungary with top marks in the dual training program for office management assistants, making her highly qualified for her current assignment as HR Business Partner in the Central Functions/Global Assignments division. “My training enabled me to concentrate on my favorite topics: human resources and finance,” Rácz explains. “And here at Audi I also discovered my third favorite topic, besides people and numbers and data: nice cars.”

This latter passion is also shared by **Ruben Pelepcu**, who completed his training as an electronics technician for automation technology at Audi Brussels this summer. He is enthusiastic about the working atmosphere and the learning support he received there. “To me, Audi is like a big family,” Pelepcu says. “What I like most is the relationship between all my colleagues and the ability to work with different technologies.” His training has familiarized him with the basics of robotics and automation technology, among other things. At his workplace in the Audi Brussels paint shop, Pelepcu is now putting this learning into practice.

At the top of this year’s dual training program for industrial mechanics for production, **Miguel Angel Carillo Ruiz** received the Best Apprentice Award at Audi México in San José Chiapa. He achieved one of the best exam results seen at his location in recent years. Now he works in door production for the Audi Q5, besides pursuing a number of advanced qualifications, not least in terms of language. Carillo Ruiz has already completed eleven semesters of English at the Volkswagen Language School in Mexico; he plans to start studying German soon. Carrilo Ruiz stated, “I would like to help change and advance the way we work. And I would very, very much like to work in Germany one day.”

Finally, Best Apprentice Awards were also awarded to employees at Audi's subsidiaries in Italy. At Lamborghini in Sant'Agata Bolognese, the award went to **Francesco Fogliari**, who completed his training as a construction mechanic with flying colors. After completing his dual training, he now works as a line operator for the assembly of the Lamborghini Urus*. Having studied all the production stages the vehicle goes through, Fogliari has developed a high level of expertise. Several of his ideas for production optimization in assembly have already been implemented. "I'm pleased that even as a trainee at the company, I was given the opportunity to share my ideas and see them put into action," reports Fogliari.

Finally, at the Group's second location in Italy, motorcycle manufacturer Ducati, the winner of the Best Apprentice Award went to **Sohofi Abdo Errahman**. Errahman completed his dual training as a mechatronics technician at Ducati and at the Belluzzi-Fioravanti College with a score of 9.8 out of a possible 10. He is valued by his colleagues above all for his outstanding team spirit and his resourcefulness in solving problems. "I chose to train with Ducati", Errahman says, "because their motorcycles have such a stellar reputation. I believe my choice will only help me on my future career path. Ducati on your resume – that's sure to impress everyone!"

Audi spirit across borders

"I am proud of the award." "Always giving my best paid off." "I'm deeply honored by the award." Statements like these are echoed by all seven Best Apprentice Award winners, all of whom confirm that they view their training with the Audi Group as a door-opener for their careers, whether at Audi itself or at other brands in the Volkswagen family. To them, the international network that Audi offers finishers of its training programs in all professions and fields is a great opportunity. This demonstrates the cosmopolitanism of the brand with the four rings as it lives out the Audi spirit across borders.

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In 2021, the Audi Group delivered around 1.681 million cars from the Audi brand, 8,405 sports cars from the Lamborghini brand and 59,447 motorcycles from the Ducati brand to customers. In the 2021 fiscal year, AUDI AG achieved a total revenue of €53.1 billion and an operating profit before special items of €5.5 billion. More than 89,000 people all over the world work for the Audi Group, around 58,000 of them in Germany. With its attractive brands, new models, innovative mobility offerings and groundbreaking services, the group is systematically pursuing its path toward becoming a provider of sustainable, individual, premium mobility.

Fuel/electric power consumption and emissions values of the models named above:**

Audi e-tron GT quattro

Combined electric power consumption in kWh/100 km (62.1 mi): - (NEDC); 21.6–19.9 (WLTP); combined CO₂ emissions in g/km (g/mi): 0

Only consumption and emissions values are only available according to WLTP and not according to NEFZ for this vehicle. Information on fuel consumption and CO₂ emissions in ranges are dependent on the chosen vehicle specification.

Lamborghini Urus

**Combined fuel consumption in l/100 km: 12.7 (18.5 US mpg);
combined CO₂ emissions in g/km: 325 (523.0 g/mi)**

***The indicated consumption and emissions values were determined according to the legally specified measuring methods. Since September 1, 2017, type approval for certain new vehicles has been performed in accordance with the Worldwide Harmonized Light Vehicles Test Procedure (WLTP), a more realistic test procedure for measuring fuel consumption and CO₂ emissions. Since September 1, 2018, the WLTP has gradually replaced the New European Driving Cycle (NEDC). Due to the more realistic test conditions, the consumption and CO₂ emission values measured are in many cases higher than the values measured according to the NEDC. Additional information about the differences between WLTP and NEDC is available at www.audi.de/wltp.*

At the moment, it is still mandatory to communicate the NEDC values. In the case of new vehicles for which type approval was performed using WLTP, the NEDC values are derived from the WLTP values. WLTP values can be provided voluntarily until their use becomes mandatory. If NEDC values are indicated as a range, they do not refer to one, specific vehicle and are not an integral element of the offer. They are provided only for the purpose of comparison between the various vehicle types. Additional equipment and accessories (attachment parts, tire size, etc.) can change relevant vehicle parameters, such as weight, rolling resistance and aerodynamics and, like weather and traffic conditions as well as individual driving style, influence a vehicle's electric power consumption, CO₂ emissions and performance figures.

Further information on official fuel consumption figures and the official specific CO₂ emissions of new passenger cars can be found in the "Guide on the fuel economy, CO₂ emissions and power consumption of all new passenger car models," which is available free of charge at all sales dealerships and from DAT Deutsche Automobil Treuhand GmbH, Hellmuth-Hirth-Str. 1, 73760 Ostfildern-Scharnhausen, Germany (www.dat.de).