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Placement Specification

Traditional Title:	Stone Conservation Trainee
Placement Provider:	Owlsworth IJP
Site Supervisor:	Michael Poynter
Location:	Basildon Park, Lower Basildon, Reading, Berkshire RG8 9NR
Period of training:	60 days
Attendance:	8.00a.m. – 4.30p.m.; Monday - Friday
Start date:	T.B.A.

Overall Purpose of the Placement:

The National Trust has commissioned a project to clean and repair the house and two pavilions at Basildon Park, these buildings have been extensively surveyed and are highly cherished.

The aim of the works is to refresh the appearance of the house without damaging the historic "lived in" look.

Owlsworth IJP's works involve the removal of bio growth from parapet to plinth, cleaning the stonework, carrying out mortar repairs to the stonework, pointing and patinating the repairs.

Main areas of Work:

Your application should clearly illustrate your potential to carry out these responsibilities.

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- To carry out stone conservation work (with support and training) to the required standard of work, efficiency and quality expected and directed by the Placement Provider.
- During the placement it is expected that you will gain experience in aspects of stone conservation in order to meet the learning targets based on NVQ Level 3 Heritage Skills as specified in your Individual Training Plan and to be agreed with your Supervisor.
- Be accountable for your own development by undertaking and completing the Scheme's Progress Record procedure
- To carry out the Placement in accordance to the Trainee Terms and Conditions
- Follow specific instructions from your Placement Provider
- Ensure that all work is undertaken in line with National Trust and Owlsworth IJP's policies and rules

Other:

The Trainee is responsible for the health and safety of themselves and of others who may be affected by their acts or omissions at work.

The Trainee may be required to perform other duties or tasks as may be reasonably requested by the Placement Provider and will be expected to work within the Bursary Terms and Conditions.

Trainee Specification:

To be successful at gaining an interview, your application should clearly illustrate how you meet the following criteria. Your interview will assess your suitability further.

Knowledge:

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Essential:

- To provide evidence of an interest or knowledge of stone conservation, or in a building craft relevant to the Placement skills.

Desirable:

- An NVQ Level 2 qualification or equivalent in Stonemasonry or Plastering.

Skills:

Essential:

- Proven ability to work outside and at heights on multi-level scaffolding.
- Good communication skills
- Ability and willingness to participate as a helpful and adaptable team member on a large site.

Experience:

Essential:

- Proven ability to absorb and apply new technical information
- Proven ability to work to required standards and to understand and use the appropriate methods, tools and applications
- Proven ability to take responsibility for professional development

Desirable:

- Experience of working in the built environment

Motivation:

- An enthusiasm, commitment and passion to move into a career within the built heritage sector in England or Wales

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- Willingness to travel both within and outside the region of the Placement Provider organisation.

Selection Procedure

The candidates, who appear from the information available, to have qualifications, experience and abilities which best match those we are looking for, will be invited to interview. It is therefore essential for your application to give a full and concise description of the nature, extent and level of the responsibilities you have held.

The selection Board will select the candidate most suitable for appointment. Their decision will be final.

If you are successful, the Traditional Building Skills Bursary Scheme may carry out enquiries into your age, health and eligibility to work in the UK together with other enquiries, to ensure that you are qualified for appointment.

The Traditional Bursary Scheme Management reserves the right to change a Placement Specification description after consultation with the Trainees and Placement Provider concerned.

Please return your completion application form to:

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Close Date:
Interview Date:

Friday 12th March 2010
Thursday 25th March 2010