

TRADITIONAL BUILDING SKILL BURSARY SCHEME

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Placement Specification

Traditional Title:	Stone masonry Trainee
Placement Provider:	Worcester Cathedral
Supervisor:	Darren Steele
Location:	Worcester Cathedral
Period of training:	260 days (12 months)
Attendance:	8.00a.m. – 4.30p.m. Monday – Thursday; 8.00am -3.30pm Friday
Start date:	By December 2010

Overall Purpose of the Placement:

The masonry Department are employed directly from the Dean and Chapter at Worcester Cathedral and one of only nine cathedral workshops in the country, we have a small but dedicated team of stonemasons here and we can offer high quality training and the placement will become part of a team. We will cover all aspects of masonry which will cover all the criteria within the NVQ 3 course and more!

We have/use different stones types at the Cathedral i.e. sandstone's and limestone's to match the original fabric, we deal with conservation, restoration and occasionally new build.

Although we have modern workshops we only use traditional tooling and fixing methods - Grinders etc are definitely banned!

The workshops are located right up to the South face of the Cathedral and we have internal and external banker areas.

Main areas of Work:

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

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- To carry out masonry conservation work (with support and training) the required standard of work, efficiency and quality expected by the Placement Provider
- Gain experience in aspects of masonry conservation in order to meet the learning targets based on NVQ Level 3 Heritage Skills in NVQ 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 Cathedral 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:

Essential:

- To provide evidence of competency to NVQ level 2 Stonemasonry, or equivalent, or above in a building craft relevant to the Placement skills

Desirable:

- An NVQ Level 2 qualification or equivalent in Stonemasonry

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Skills:

Essential:

- Proven ability to work outside and at heights
- Good communication skills
- Adaptable and flexible, with proven qualities as a strong team player, able to work closely with others, and ability to work on one's own initiative

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
- Willingness to travel both within and outside the region of your Placement Provider organisation
- A will and ability to work toward gaining an NVQ Level 3 Heritage Skills in stone masonry

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.

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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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Application Closing Date:

22nd August 2010

Interview Date:

Tuesday 14th September 2010

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