

Estates Surveyor Placement Student

Number of jobs available:	2
Region:	South West, South East
City/Town:	Exeter, Reading, Lincoln, Shrewsbury
Building/Site:	Manley House, Kings Meadow House, Ceres House, Hafren House
Grade:	Staff Grade 2
Post Type:	12 month fixed term
Working Pattern:	Full Time
Role Type:	Estates, Surveying
Advertised where:	External
Closing date:	28/11/25, 23:59
Salary:	£25,301
RAF Number:	B57106
Weighted competency:	TBC

Company Description:

At the Environment Agency, we work hard to create better places for people, wildlife and the environment. By putting the climate emergency at the heart of everything we do, we help society adapt to environmental challenges such as flooding, drought, sea level rise and coastal change.

The Estates service within the Environment Agency extends to 160 people, offering professional support for land, property, compensation and valuation matters. We are core to the delivery of the Agency's £5.2 billion capital programme to better protect 336,000 properties. Our experienced teams specialise in negotiating access and dealing with compensation claims from land and property owners where they have suffered loss as a consequence of our work. We also manage the Environment Agency's landholdings, which extend to 26,000 hectares.

During your time as an Estates Placement Student at the Environment Agency, we will provide you with real-life work experience to support your studies. With your commitment and drive to succeed you'll have the opportunity to broaden your skills across several areas including flood alleviation projects and land management as well as gaining valuable experience of working within a large public sector organisation.

Job Description

These placement student roles, for a maximum of 12 months, are applicable for someone studying towards a **RICS accredited degree in commercial or rural surveying**.

During your placement year, you will be an integral part of the Estates team working directly with our Estates surveyors of varying seniority as well as our project support officers, the wider Estates team, and other teams across the organisation. You'll be involved in a wide variety of surveying work whilst building your knowledge and experience, including our national flood risk programme, looking after various operational projects and managing a diverse land portfolio.

You will be given the opportunity to attend a broad range of Continued Professional Development (CPD) events to help build professional skills, whilst earning a salary of £24,096 pro rata. Experience gained on this placement makes for a strong application for future Grade 4 Assistant Estates Surveyor posts (Salary at £33,000) which includes support to complete your APC.

Working alongside others in a supportive environment, you will gain experience in the following areas of practice:

- landlord and tenant matters including rent reviews and lease renewals
- managing a diverse land and property portfolio
- providing advice on the use of statutory powers in relation to access and rights over land and our programme of flood risk management works
- helping advise on compensation matters to minimise risk and compensation liabilities
- understanding how to apply latest thinking around Biodiversity Net Gain and Carbon Offsetting
- building negotiation skills and applying these to the above activities
- applying written and verbal communication skills to influence and network with a wide range of colleagues and stakeholders
- gaining workplace experience to demonstrate ability to prioritise and meet deadlines whilst delivering work to a high standard.

We are offering up to two placements based from any of the following hubs/locations:

- Central Hub – Lincoln or Shrewsbury
- South West and Thames Hub – Reading or Exeter

Please read the Additional Information pack for further information on the Environment Agency Estates Team.

How to Apply:

Please send a copy of your CV and covering letter to recruitmentstates@environment-agency.gov.uk

Within the covering letter please detail what you can bring to the role and what you hope to achieve from this placement.

Please note that this placement is for students studying towards a **RICS accredited degree in commercial or rural surveying**.

The closing date for applications is 28 November 2024. Interviews are expected to take place via MS Teams on Thursday 18th and Friday 19th December 2025, with a start date in August 2026.

If you have any questions regarding these placements, please email the Estates Recruitment team on recruitmentstates@environment-agency.gov.uk