

ROYAL AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITY – STUDENT/GRADUATE JOB VACANCY



To enable placements/vacancies to be advertised correctly please complete the following:

Name of Employer: Thurlow Estate

Vacancy Type: One Year Placement

Full-time/Part time: Full Time; 9.00am – 5.30pm, Monday to Friday

Start date: 1st July 2026

Background: The Thurlow Estate is a family-owned rural property business committed to delivering long-term economic, social, and environmental benefits for the Estate and the wider communities within which it operates.

Based in Suffolk, Essex and Cambridgeshire and centered around the villages of Little Thurlow and Great Thurlow, the Estate extends to approximately 15,500 acres. It includes an in-hand arable farm amounting to 11,900 acres, as well as 1,550 acres of let agricultural land, 1,500 acres of woodland, 192 houses, 6 let offices, 52 light industrial units, equestrian lets, a number of equestrian events, and an in-hand family shoot.

The Role: **Assistant Rural Surveyor:**

An opportunity has arisen for a capable, dynamic and enthusiastic placement student to join our dedicated in-house Estate Management team as Assistant Rural Surveyor for one year.

The role will be based at the Estate Office in Great Thurlow and will involve all aspects of running a progressive rural business with traditional values. Areas of experience will be varied, and include residential, commercial and agricultural property, forestry, building matters, insurance, health and safety, taking responsibility for the Estate Terrier system and providing support and expertise to the Estate Office around databases and mapping systems.

Degree: BSC (Hons) Rural Land and Property Management

Permanent/temporary: Temporary – 12-month placement

Location: Thurlow Estate Office
Wratting Road
Great Thurlow
Suffolk
CB9 7LQ

Personal requirements: We are seeking an individual who is astute, pro-active and commercially minded with a keen interest in rural estate management. We have several ongoing projects which the successful candidate will be asked to take responsibility for and lead on. The successful candidate will therefore have an ambitious nature, show initiative and be keen to demonstrate their capabilities by fulfilling the lead role and providing sound professional advice when required. We are a small and dedicated team, and applicants should therefore have a strong desire to quickly become a core member of the in-house Estate Management team delivering a first-class service to the Family. Good communication, a keen eye for detail and a can-do attitude are also key. We are a rural estate with an interest in traditional country pursuits and an interest in these would be beneficial.

Other requirements: Whilst this role is office-based, the nature of the work means site visits and attendance at meetings will be required, and the successful candidate will therefore need a full and clean UK driving license.

Salary/Package: £15,000 per annum plus accommodation

How to apply: Please email CV and covering letter to fin.purchase@thurlowestate.co.uk by Friday 7th November.
First interviews to be held week commencing 10th November 2025 at the Thurlow Estate Office.

Contact Name and Position: Fin Purchase MRICS FAAV
Estate Manager

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Closing Date for applications: 7th November 2025

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