

ROYAL AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITY – STUDENT/GRADUATE JOB VACANCY



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

- Name of Employer:** Barton Stud
- Vacancy Type:** University Placement – 15-Week Industry Placement (with possibility of extension)
- Full-time/Part time :** Full-time (40–50 hours per week). Weekend work required on a rota basis, particularly during busy seasonal periods.
- Start date:** April/May 2026 (flexible to suit university placement schedule)
- Background:** Barton Stud is a commercial stud farm based in Great Barton, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk. We run a diverse and hands-on farming operation including sheep, cattle, horses, and a wide range of agricultural machinery. As a working stud farm, we offer students the opportunity to gain practical experience across multiple enterprises and learn how a commercial farming business operates day-to-day.
- The Role:** *Farm Apprentice / Placement Student*
We are looking for a young, enthusiastic student to join us for a **15-week paid placement starting April/May**, with the possibility of extension. This is a practical role offering real responsibility and exposure to all areas of a mixed farming business.
- Duties will include:
- Working with livestock (sheep and cattle)
 - Assisting during lambing and other key seasonal activities
 - Operating and maintaining farm machinery (training provided where required)
 - General yard and farm duties
 - Supporting horse care where needed
- We are open to applications from international/Tier 4 students, subject to visa requirements.
- Degree:** Agriculture, Agricultural Engineering, Animal Science, or a related land-based degree (no minimum classification required, but a strong practical interest is essential).
- Permanent/temporary:** Temporary – 15-week paid placement with possibility of extension
- Location:** Barton Stud, Great Barton, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk IP31 2SH
- Personal requirements:**
- Genuine interest in mixed farming
 - Enthusiastic, hardworking and reliable
 - Willingness to work outdoors in all weather conditions
 - Ability to work both independently and as part of a team

- Some previous farm experience desirable but not essential
- Interest in machinery operation preferred

Other requirements:

- Driving licence
- Flexible approach to working hours during busy periods

Salary/Package:

Competitive paid placement (salary dependent on experience)
On-farm training and hands-on experience across multiple enterprises
Opportunity to gain practical machinery and livestock skills Accommodation available for the right candidate

How to apply:

Please email your CV and a short covering letter outlining your interest in the role to:
shona@bartonstud.co.uk

Contact Name and Position: Shona Murphy, Bloodstock and Sales Executive

Email Address:

shona@bartonstud.co.uk

Telephone Number:

01284 787226

Closing Date for applications:

N/A

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