

# Work experience at the RHS

If you're a school student aged 14 to 18 or an adult 18+, you can gain professional experience at a world-renowned RHS Garden through our work experience programme. This valuable opportunity is an excellent addition to your CV, providing hands-on experience with the UK's leading gardening charity. Different placements are available across each of our RHS Garden teams:

- **Garden** – help our professional gardeners plant and maintain our beautiful RHS Gardens.
- **Education and Learning** – support our education team with creating engaging activities for school children and adults.
- **Science and Collections** – work with our botany, entomology and pathology teams at RHS Garden Wisley to see how science underpins horticulture.
- **Retail** – assist customers and maintain product displays in our garden centre and gift shop areas.
- **Visitor Services** – welcome guests to our gardens and help to deliver fantastic customer service.
- **Mechanical Engineering** – at RHS Garden Bridgewater work with our horticultural mechanic, learn about the machines used and how they are maintained.



# Frequently asked questions

## Q: How do I get to your gardens?

A: Visit our website for detailed travel advice for each of our gardens, including car, public transport, and shuttle bus services. Please advise us on your application if travel cost is a concern, as we may be able to offer additional support in certain circumstances.

## Q: What do I need to bring or wear on the day?

A: For certain roles you will need safety boots and gloves, which will be provided for you to use for the duration of your placement. Waterproof outer clothing can also be provided if needed.

For all placements, you should wear practical clothing and closed-toe footwear suitable for the time of year. If you are part of our Gardening, Retail, or Visitor Services teams, please dress appropriately for the weather and be prepared for rain throughout the year, as you may spend a significant amount of time outdoors.

## Q: How long do work experience placements last?

A: Work experience lasts for one week.

## Q: I'm a student; what does my school or college need to provide?

A: We will need contact details of a responsible person (e.g. a teacher or careers mentor) who can be our link at your school. Your school will also need to supply us with any forms that they require to approve your placement with us. We will only be able to progress your application if your school details are provided.

## Q: How can I apply?

A: Applications are submitted online. Head to [rhs.org.uk/newshoots](https://rhs.org.uk/newshoots) and click the link to register interest for work experience. The online form will take you through all the steps you need to complete.

Places are limited so please make it clear which is your preferred RHS team, and why you are passionate about carrying out your work experience with us.

## Next steps

To find out more about the RHS and Work Experience Placements, scan the QR code, or visit [rhs.org.uk/newshoots](https://rhs.org.uk/newshoots), or email [newshoots@rhs.org.uk](mailto:newshoots@rhs.org.uk)

