



UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS

## CANDIDATE BRIEF

**Grounds and Gardens Apprentice (Sports Turf), Facilities Directorate**



**Salary: Grade 2 (£16,146)**

**Reference: FDEST1142**

# Grounds and Gardens Apprentice (Sports Turf)

## Facilities Directorate

**Are you looking to start your career in grounds and gardens? Are you looking for a leading organisation who can support your learning and provide exceptional development opportunities? Would you like to join a multi skilled workforce providing maintenance across a diverse grounds and gardens portfolio?**

We are looking for somebody who is keen to learn the skills required to be a successful sports grounds person whilst gaining an academic qualification to support the hands on experience. You will be motivated to learn new skills with excellent communication skills. A key part of this role is delivering an excellent customer service to staff, students and visitors. You will also have the ability to work under clear instructions, with limited supervision which will allow you the opportunity to use your own initiative to diagnose problems.

## What does the role entail?

As a Grounds and Gardens Apprentice, your main duties will include:

- Carrying out maintenance works and renovation tasks involved in the provision of grass playing surfaces.
- Grass cutting using push machines and ride on mowers, ensuring that sports pitches are maintained and problem areas are identified and treated;
- Carrying out maintenance of a range of synthetic surfaces;
- Gaining the knowledge to use and maintain all relevant tools, equipment and chemicals required in the role;
- Learning new techniques to support your academic studies;
- Working as part of a team of skilled professionals and make a positive contribution to the success of the team;
- Being fully aware of Health and Safety issues, taking reasonable precautions to ensure the safety of yourself and others;
- Attending college to complete your level 2 in Horticulture (Sports Turf), progressing to complete level 3 upon successful completion.





These duties provide a framework for the role and should not be regarded as a definitive list. Other reasonable duties may be required consistent with the grade of the post.

## What will you bring to the role?

As an Apprentice you will have:

- GCSE grade C or above in Maths and English;
- Passed the relevant training body acceptance exam;
- Excellent customer care skills with the ability to communicate with a range of people;
- Willingness to learn new skills and attend relevant training course;
- Awareness of customer service and the ability to translate this into the work place;
- Commitment to demonstrate behaviours in line with the University's values.

## How to apply

You can apply for this role online; more guidance can be found on our [How to Apply](#) information. Applications should be submitted by **23.59** (UK time) on the [closing date](#).

## Contact information

To explore the post further or for any queries you may have, please contact:

**James Wright, Grounds & Gardens Team Leader**

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## Additional information

### Working at Leeds

You can find out more about our generous benefits package and more about what it is like to work at the University and live in the Leeds area in our [Working at Leeds](#) information.

### Candidates with disabilities

Information for candidates with disabilities, impairments or health conditions, including requesting alternative formats, can be found in our [Accessibility](#) information or by getting in touch with us at [disclosure@leeds.ac.uk](mailto:disclosure@leeds.ac.uk).

### Training

You will be enrolled onto an apprenticeship program with Askham Bryan College to gain your Level 2 NVQ Diploma qualification in Sports Turf whilst working in Grounds & Gardens

Training will be provided in conjunction with our training provider, Askham Bryan College. You will be motivated to learning new skills and to start your career as an apprentice with the University of Leeds. Working as part of a team, you will be flexible, with good communication and interpersonal skills. You will also have the ability to work under clear instruction but with limited supervision whilst using your own initiative to contribute to assessing and diagnosing problems.

Grades are subject to satisfactory completion of a successful years study and incremental progression will only be awarded on confirmation of this from Askham Bryan College.

