Somerville College

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Further Particulars

College Painter/Maintenance Team Member

You will be an important member of our small maintenance team, carrying out essential internal and external new decoration and repair work to a variety of College buildings; including those that are Grade II listed. This role will provide the opportunity to get involved in a wide variety of maintenance duties and relevant training will be provided to enable you to carry out your role and support the wider maintenance team.

You will have at previous experience of painting and decorating in a trade environment and be qualified to Level 2 or equivalent in Painting and Decorating. Good general fitness and a flexible approach towards your duties are also crucial. You will be willing to help other members of the team in their specialist areas and to drive the College vehicle as needed. You must be able to communicate clearly and follow instructions in English as well as having numeracy skills to order materials and keep track of supplies. This is an excellent opportunity to be part of a busy and friendly team providing a first class service to students, Fellows, staff and quests.

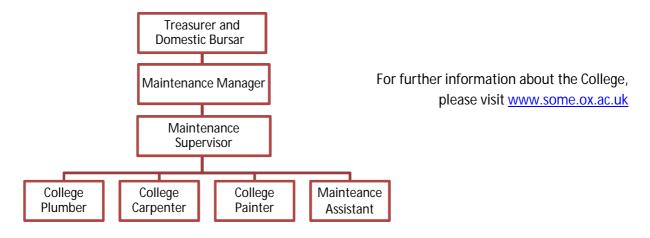
About Somerville College

Somerville is a friendly and open College with a reputation for supporting students and staff from all backgrounds. It is a very international community with around 550 undergraduate and graduate students. Its aim is to promote excellent teaching and research with opportunities for all. The students and academic staff are supported by around 120 support staff that provide a warm, welcoming environment with excellent services for all those who live, work and visit here.

About the Maintenance department

The Maintenance Department is responsible for carrying out ongoing maintenance and minor building works within the College and its outside properties. The team ensures the smooth running of the College's heating, electrical and numerous other systems as well as overseeing the work of various contractors throughout the year. The team is led by the Maintenance Manager, who is responsible to the Treasurer for the management of all estate and maintenance issues affecting the College. The Maintenance Supervisor oversees the daily work of the College Plumber, Painter, Carpenter and the General Assistant.

The Maintenance team work with all members of the College to provide a range of buildings, estates and maintenance services for those who live and work here. They liaise closely with the Lodge, Catering and Conference and Housekeeping departments in particular on matters which require a coordinated approach such as the busy summer works period, room moves and renovation as well as routine surveys and testing of College services.



Main Duties

- Carry out new decoration and repair work to internal/external decoration and paintwork.
- Draw future decorating requirements to the attention of the Maintenance Manager/Supervisor.
- Purchase decorating materials upon authorisation from the Maintenance Manager/Supervisor.
- Carry out general maintenance (e.g. changing lightbulbs, installing curtain tracks/curtains, clearing gutters)
- Assist other members of the team as needed in their specialist areas of work.
- Work as part of the team to carry out general day-to-day maintenance and major refurbishment work.
- Follow the College's Health and Safety Policy by carrying out duties in accordance with training and instruction, informing the Maintenance Manager of any potential hazard or danger. Take reasonable care at all times to guard personal safety and the safety of all persons who may be affected by the job holder's actions at work.
- Ensure correct use of all College power tools and that equipment is kept in good working condition, wearing Personal Protective Equipment as required and carrying out all work in a safe and appropriate manner.
- Assist with keeping the maintenance workshop clean and to a standard compliant with current safety regulations and the College Health and Safety Policy.
- Carry a College radio at all times (switched on) and observe correct radio operating procedure to communicate with other members of staff as appropriate and carry out work with minimum disruption.
- Adopt a flexible approach towards the duties, with a willingness to take on new responsibilities and undergo further training in line with the development of the position and changing demands within the department.
- Work occasional weekend daytimes during busy periods.
- Participate in the on-call rota and attend calls as detailed in the College On-Call arrangements.

Selection Criteria

Essential

- Previous experience of painting and decorating in a trade environment.
- NVQ Level 2 in Painting & Decorating or equivalent qualification.
- Good standard of general physical fitness and mobility: able to use power equipment (with training), walk up
 and down stairs without difficulty, carry reasonable loads unassisted and work at heights using ladders and
 tower scaffolding.
- Able to read and write English in order to be able to follow instructions, procedures and health and safety requirements. Able to communicate on all aspects of work duties with other members of staff.
- Organised and able to work to deadlines. Able to work methodically in a safe, clean and tidy manner.
- Numerate: able to measure and estimate small job requirements and maintain stock level records.
- Basic IT skills.
- Understanding of painting and decorating products, work environments, treatment and preparation of surfaces, and appropriate selection and use of equipment and materials.
- Knowledge of basic health and safety requirements within a maintenance environment, e.g. COSHH, safe use of machinery, ladders and scaffolding, and moving physical loads. Appropriate training will be given.
- Willing to work as a member of a team and as a lone worker.
- Flexible and helpful approach to work duties. Willing to undertake different tasks outside of own trade.
- Willing to undergo relevant on the job training in the use of equipment and work methods.
- Willing to work with external contractors when required.
- Willing to work occasional weekend days during busy periods.
- Able and willing to participate in the Maintenance on-call Rota. This involves being on call in the evenings and at weekends but does not require the post holder to remain on the College premises whilst being on call.
- Hold a current valid driving licence and be able and willing to drive the College vehicle to carry out work duties.

Desirable

- Experience of carrying out plastering repairs.
- Experience in wall tiling and grouting, new and patch repairs.
- Experience in carrying out general maintenance work.
- Working in older buildings, in particular Grade II listed buildings.
- Experience of working in a College environment or other similar institution.

Terms and conditions

Full terms and conditions of employment will be provided in writing to the successful candidate. The information below is for guidance only and does not constitute the contract of employment.

Duration	This is a permanent, full-time post and the appointment will be made subject to (i)
	satisfactory employment checks as detailed below within under 'Pre-Employment
	Screening'; and (ii) satisfactory completion of a three month probationary period.
Salary	Band 3 of the Somerville College pay spine (£20,232 to £22,027). This equates to an hourly
	rate of pay of £9.73 to £10.59.
	Upon successful completion of the probationary period, individual salaries are increased in
	May of each year to the next spine point within the respective salary band, until the top of
	the pay band has been reached. In addition the College pay spine is uplifted for cost of
	living on a regular basis, normally annually.
Hours of Work	Normal hours of work will be 40 per week, 8am to 5pm Monday to Friday, exclusive of a
	one hour meal break each day to be taken between 12noon to 1pm. The post holder will
	be required to be part of the on-call rota system (for which separate pay arrangements
	apply). Some flexibility with working hours will be required on occasions in order to meet
	the demands of the post.
Holiday Entitlement	The post holder will be entitled to 33 days of paid leave per annum, inclusive of eight public
	holidays. Agreed College closure days and bank holidays taken will be deducted from the
	total leave entitlement of 33 days.
Pension	The post holder will be eligible for membership of a contributory Group Personal Pension
	scheme, from the commencement date of the appointment (subject to age requirements).
Life Assurance	College Employees are covered by free life assurance for the duration of their employment
	(subject to age requirements).
Meal Entitlement	Meals on duty will be provided free of charge.
Sickness Benefit	A maximum of six weeks' sick pay at full pay, calculated in any rolling twelve month period,
	subject to satisfactory notification of absence and production of medical certificates.
Employee Assistance	A confidential 24/7 telephone advisory and counselling service is available to all College
Service	employees and their family members who live in the same household.
Childcare	Somerville runs a small on-site Nursery. College employees may choose to enter a
	childcare salary sacrifice scheme (under the Income & Corporation Taxes Act 1988), which
	allows tax and national insurance exemption for this benefit. Alternatively employees may
	apply for childcare vouchers from 'Kids Unlimited'.
Training	The College will support the post holder to undertake any relevant training to enhance his
	or her work performance, and financial support for these development activities will be
	provided where appropriate.
Smoking policy	No smoking is allowed in any part of the College.
Parking	Unless related to a disability, there will be no parking available on College premises for the
	post holder.

Application Procedure

- 1. Download the Somerville College application form College website at www.some.ox.ac.uk/jobs
- 2. Email your completed application form to the Human Resources Manager at: human.resources@some.ox.ac.uk stating vacancy reference 900227.
- 3. Ensure you complete the personal statement section of the application form demonstrating how your skills and experience meet the person specification. Your application will be judged solely on the basis of how well you demonstrate that that you meet the selection criteria outlined above.
- 4. You may attach a CV but note that CVs submitted on their own will be not considered or accepted as complete applications.
- 5. Please complete and return an equal opportunities recruitment monitoring form which will assist us with monitoring equal opportunities in recruitment. Please send only one copy of this form which can be emailed to human.resources@some.ox.ac.uk or sent in hard copy, separately from your application to:

Equal Opportunities Monitoring Assistant

Human Resources Department

Somerville College, Woodstock Road

Oxford, OX2 6HD

- 6. Equal Opportunities information collected does not form part of the selection process and will not be circulated to the selection panel. Completion of the equal opportunities monitoring form is voluntary. Data collected is used solely to monitor the effectiveness of the College's Equality and Diversity Policy and helps the College to meet its duties under the Single Equality Act 2010.
- 7. Communication regarding the status and outcome of your application will be made via e-mail.
- 8. The closing date for completed applications is 10am on Monday, 16th May 2016.
- 9. Interviews are likely to be held on Tuesday, 24th May 2016.

Equal Opportunities statement

The policy and practice of the University of Oxford and of Somerville College require that all staff are afforded equal opportunities within employment. Entry into employment and progression within employment will be determined only by personal merit and the application of criteria which are related to the duties of each particular post and the relevant salary structure. In all cases, ability to perform the job will be the primary consideration. Subject to statutory provisions, no applicant or member of staff will be treated less favourably than another because of age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage or civil partnership, pregnancy or maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, or sexual orientation. Where suitably qualified individuals are available, selection committees will contain at least one member of each sex.

Data Protection

All data supplied by candidates will be used only for the purposes of determining their suitability for the post and will be held in accordance with the principles of the Data Protection Act 1998 and the College's Data Protection Policy.

Pre-employment screening

If you are selected for the post, employment with the College will be conditional upon satisfying the following requirements.

1. Eligibility to work in the UK

The Immigration, Asylum and Nationality Act 2006 makes it a criminal offence for employers to employ someone who is not entitled to work in the UK. We therefore ask applicants to provide proof of their right to work in the UK before employment can commence.

Please note that you will need to provide original documents and where any documents are not in English a certified translation will be required. **Do not include these documents with your application.** You will be sent a request for the relevant information at the appropriate point in the selection process.

2. References

You are asked to give us details of two people who have agreed to give a reference for you. If you have previously been employed your referees should be people who have direct experience of your work through working closely with you for a considerable period. If you have been employed, at least one of your referees should be your formal line manager from your most recent job. It is helpful if you can tell us how each referee knows you and your referees should not be related to you. Your referees will be asked to comment on your suitability for the post, to provide details of the dates of your employment, and of any disciplinary processes which are still 'live'.

We will assume that we may approach your referees at any stage unless you tell us otherwise, so please state clearly if you wish to be contacted before a referee is approached.

3. Medical fitness

Please note that any offer of employment will be conditional upon receipt of a completed pre-employment medical health assessment questionnaire and confirmation from the University of Oxford Occupational Health Service that the candidate is medically fit for the post (allowing for any reasonable adjustments that may be required, in line with the provisions of the Equality Act 2010).

The purpose of the pre-employment medical health questionnaire is to:

- (i) assess the candidate's medical capability to do the job for which they have applied:
- (ii) determine whether any reasonable adjustments or auxiliary aids may be required to accommodate any disability or impairment which they may have
- (iii) Ensure that none of the requirements of the job for which they have applied would adversely affect any pre-existing health conditions the candidate may have.

The appointment will not commence until medical fitness for work, and any reasonable adjustments that may be required, is confirmed by the University Occupational Health Service.