



JOB DESCRIPTION

Job title	Salters' Outreach Ambassador
Unit	Salters' Institute
Location	Venues across the UK as well as Salters' Hall, 4 London Wall Place, London, EC2Y 5DE. Some remote working may be possible, but Ambassadors must be based in the UK.
Salary	London Living Wage (currently £13.85/hour) plus Holiday Pay
Hours	As and when required
Contract type	Zero Hours Contract
Reporting to	Programmes Manager
Additional information	This vacancy will require an enhanced DBS check including Children's Barred List check.

The Opportunity

The Worshipful Company of Salters is currently seeking to recruit Outreach Ambassadors who will support the Salters' Institute in delivering our education and outreach provision, including working at events for school groups.

Company and Institute overview

First licensed in 1394, The Salters' Company has its origins in the salt trade of medieval London. This later developed to a commitment to chemistry and, more broadly, science education.

The Salters' Institute of Industrial Chemistry, the flagship charity of the Salters' Company, was founded in 1918 as a response to the disrupted chemistry education of soldiers returning from WW1. Since then, the Salters' Institute has established a reputation for excellence, working with a range of partners including the Royal Society of Chemistry and universities across the United Kingdom. The Institute's influence stretches across the world. Its aims are clear: to promote the appreciation of, and interest in, chemistry and the related sciences amongst young people and to encourage chemistry-based careers. The Salters' Institute delivers numerous outreach initiatives including Chemistry Club, Festivals of Chemistry, and its Awards. In 2025, the Institute has launched a new Education Strategy, in which the Outreach Ambassadors have a key role.

The Role

The Outreach Ambassadors, reporting to the Programmes Manager, will be undergraduate or postgraduate students studying chemistry or related sciences at a UK university. They will support and contribute to the Salters' Institute's outreach activities and education programmes. The role will primarily consist of supporting in-person outreach and education events across the UK, such as our Festivals of Chemistry programme. Support may also be requested for events at Salters' Hall, London, such as for our annual Teachers' Conference and for interview days for our Awards programme.

Travel and accommodation costs (where applicable) are covered when working at events. Responsibilities at these events will include welcoming groups, helping school students engage with talks and lab-based activities, and discussing your journey into higher education. Training will be provided on topics including safeguarding, manual handling and chemical safety to enable Ambassadors to carry out these responsibilities.

Professional Development Opportunities

As a Salters' Outreach Ambassador, you will be able to:

- become part of a community of other like-minded university students, giving you valuable opportunities to network
- travel for events, visiting universities across the UK
- develop your transferable skills, particularly communication, organisation and public speaking
- gain experience in educational outreach that creates positive change, inspiring a future generation of chemists!

Contract

Zero hours contracts are used where there is no mutual obligation on the parties. The Salters' Company is not required to provide work, and if it does offer work, the worker is not obliged to accept it. The hours of work will be ad hoc and dependent on the worker signing up for tasks/duties. There will be periods where more work is available and there may be breaks in between where no work is done. Workers will be paid on timesheets.

Additional security pre-employment checks

1. Confirmation of Right to Work documentation.
2. Receipt of two satisfactory references.
3. This role will require an enhanced DBS check including Children's Barred List check, due to regulated activity involving children.

Person Specification

	Essential	Desirable
Experience and qualifications - Currently studying chemistry or chemistry-related sciences at a UK university (either undergraduate or postgraduate) - At least one year remaining on current course - Experience of working as part of a team - Experience of working with young people - Experience of working in a customer facing environment	✓ ✓	 ✓ ✓ ✓
Knowledge - Knowledge of chemistry terms, concepts and topics - Awareness of the barriers faced by young people from groups under-represented in higher education - Understanding of STEM and educational pathways at secondary school level - Knowledge of different chemistry-related careers	✓	 ✓ ✓ ✓
Skills - Strong communication skills, with ability to write for, or speak to, a range of audiences - Excellent interpersonal skills - Ability to use initiative and have a creative approach to problem solving	✓ ✓	 ✓
Attributes - Commitment to follow the Salters' group safeguarding policy at all times while working - Interest in, and commitment to the values, vision, aims and objectives of the organisation - Self-motivated and proactive with a passion to work with, and for, young people to inspire and encourage learning - Enthusiastic about sharing their passion for chemistry - Committed to equality, diversity and inclusion - Reliable and punctual	✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓	
Other - Ability to satisfy an enhanced DBS check including Children's Barred List check - Willingness to travel within the UK for events, including overnight stays - Interest in and knowledge of the current issues surrounding science education and outreach	✓ ✓	 ✓