



## Entry to Stud Employment Programme (E2SE)

The Entry to Stud Employment Programme (E2SE) is fully funded by the Thoroughbred Breeders Association and Racing Foundation, and delivered by The National Stud. The course began in 2018 and provides practical work based training for individuals who wish to pursue a career in the Thoroughbred industry but are lacking relevant experience. The residential programme takes place over nine weeks and consists of practical work based training with evening lectures. On completion, students who have achieved the required standard will have an interview for a minimum 6-9 month paid position at a UK Thoroughbred stud farm to gain further experience and complete the industry recognised Diploma in Work-based Racehorse Care (Breeding Option). Prior to starting their work placement students will have completed a Level 2 Certificate in the Principles of Horse Care. All qualifications are accredited by 1<sup>st</sup> 4 Sport.

### Format

- The course begins with a 9-week residential period of training at The National Stud from mid-October to mid-December. Students will be provided with full board and lodgings in purpose-built single study bedroom accommodation.
- Students will receive practical training from the Education team and work alongside stud staff to develop practical skills and gain an understanding of the different elements of stud work. Students will also attend lectures delivered on-site by industry professionals to gain a deeper understanding of stud practices and the Thoroughbred industry.
- Students will assist The National Stud team at the December sales at Tattersalls as part of their training. In addition, visits to leading industry organisations and venues including; the Jockey Club Rooms, Tattersalls, Newmarket Equine Hospital, and Palace House – home of the National Horseracing Museum are scheduled for the latter part of the course.
- Following completion of the nine week training segment, students who achieve the required standard will have the opportunity to have an interview with a UK based stud farm to start a 6-9 month paid placement. During the placement, students will be regularly monitored and assessed by members of the National Stud Education team to gain a Level 2 Work-Based Diploma in Racehorse Care - Breeding Option.



- Following the placement, many of the past students from the E2SE course have continued in full-time positions with their placement employers with some students gaining the opportunity to travel and work internationally.
- Following successful completion of the E2SE programme, students have the opportunity to apply for the National Stud Diploma Course which runs annually from January to June.

## Points for consideration before applying

- Due to the physical nature of the work involved, a good level of fitness is required.
- Team work is a key part of stud work.
- Places are based on suitability and students need to be motivated towards a career in the thoroughbred industry.
- Students are not permitted to bring their own horse or any other animals on-site during the course.

## FAQs

### What are the admission requirements?

Applicants must be over 18, demonstrate a basic knowledge of the industry and a commitment to complete the full programme.

### What is the selection criteria?

Students are selected by a panel based on interview, previous experience and employer references.

### Are students liable for any additional expenses for the duration of the course?

Students are provided with single occupancy en suite accommodation at Westbrook House for the duration of the course. Three catered meals are provided daily with minibuses provided to transport students around the farm. Any other expenses incurred are covered by the individual.

### Are students required to have their own transport while completing the Course?

Some students have cars and this does make it easier to get into Newmarket town centre. Stud vehicles are available for transport from Westbrook House and around yards but these are strictly for use on the farm only.

### Do students have the opportunity to visit other stud farms and industry organisations during the course?

We arrange several external visits each year and these are usually scheduled in the latter part of the course.

### Is The National Stud near any racecourses?

The National Stud is located beside Newmarket's Rowley Mile and July courses.

### What equipment will I require?

Successful applicants are required to bring steel toe capped boots, a skull cap and a pair of waterproofs. These can be purchased locally during your induction week. All other uniform will be provided.

### If I complete the full E2SE programme, what qualifications will I have?

Diploma in Work-based Racehorse Care (Breeding Option)



Level 2 Certificate in the Principles of Horse Care  
Level 3 Award in Transporting Horses  
Level 3 Award in Manual Handling

### Costs

Students who gain a place on the E2SE programme are not required to pay any training costs. A £200 room deposit is required for accommodation. This will be returned at the end of the 9-weeks following a room inspection. A non-refundable £60 fee is required to cover trip costs.

### How to apply

- Application forms can be downloaded from The National Stud's website: [www.nationalstud.co.uk](http://www.nationalstud.co.uk) with interviews held during the summer period.
- The Education team can help with any questions regarding the course or the application. Please email: ✉ [students@nationalstud.co.uk](mailto:students@nationalstud.co.uk) or phone: ☎ (0044) 1638-663464.

*We look forward to hearing from you!*