

Summary

Job title	Facilities Manager
Division	University Administration and Services
Department	Estates Services Facilities Management
Location	Banbury Road, Oxford
Grade and salary	Grade 6: £28,759 - £33,966 per annum
Hours	Full time
Contract type	Permanent
Reporting to	Deputy Senior Facilities Manager
Vacancy reference	168961
Additional information	<p>Workplace may be any OU building as per operational requirement</p> <p>Out of hours working may be required</p>

The role

As a member of Estates Services, the Facilities Manager will be required to assist the Senior Facilities Manager to organise and manage the facilities management teams and services, helping to develop the OUES Facilities service in a coherent manner, whilst supporting the activities of our customers.

You will be entitled to 38 days of annual leave, which includes all public holidays. Please note that occasional work during non-traditional hours may be necessary. The hours and timings are as determined by the Senior Facilities Manager and may change dependant on the current operational requirement.

Responsibilities

- To assist in the management of designated and other University buildings.
- To assist with the budgetary management for the facilities and services budget being accountable to Estates Services and relevant customers.
- To assist in the management of the interface between the ESFM team, the Buildings Users, Senior Officers, Customers and Estates Services, as appropriate.
- To assist in reviewing local existing services to ensure that the most appropriate service delivery method is used and that value for money is achieved through consolidating procurement where possible; and agreed with building user representatives, where appropriate.



- To act as a local expert in UAS facilities management technical matters e.g. Magic Info, Net2, Salto, AutoCad and provide professional help and guidance to others, as appropriate. Act as main local liaison with Telecoms and IT.
- To assist in managing and developing the existing facilities management teams to ensure high service delivery standards are maintained, to seek improvements as necessary and to ensure value for money.
- To utilise and develop the Estates Services facilities management databases, where appropriate.
- To assist in the brief, management and review of specialist consultants on specific activities.
- To assist and deputise for the Senior Facilities Manager or Deputy Senior Facilities Manager as required.
- Any other duties allocated which fall within the general area of the post.

Customers

- To establish and maintain an appropriate liaison with relevant customers for each department/ building serviced by the Facilities Management Team.
- To assist in the monitoring and development of Service Level Agreements to ensure standards are maintained, measured and published.
- To assist in the development of Building Users Guides, First Response plans and Operations Manuals for each managed building and ensure they are regularly reviewed and updated.
- Produce quarterly management reports for each customer in an agreed format.
- To report to the relevant customers on health & safety and compliance matters.
- Support Estates Services in achieving Customer Service Excellence

Financial Control

- To assist in the budgetary management for the facilities and services budget for the managed buildings including preparing forecast and budget information. To also oversee invoicing and coding procedures to ensure budget controls are maintained ensuring that transactions are all in accordance with the University's financial procedures and regulations.
- Liaise with the FM finance support officer appropriately. Agreeing management reports and general regular review of income and expenditure.
- Use of Oracle financials as appropriate.

Staff Matters

- To assist in the management of staff within the sections. This includes general staffing issues, recruitment and retention, performance matters, personal development, training and appraisals in accordance with the University's policies and procedures; Manage support and administration teams through a significant period of change.

Buildings Management

- To co-ordinate general maintenance, refurbishment, redecoration, and the general compliance and up keep of buildings. This will involve liaison with University Estates Services staff, contractors, and other specialists (e.g. those responsible for computer networks), as well as the ESFM team. Duties will include the compiling estimates and bids for refurbishment, redecoration or reconfiguration of space as necessary, as well as project management for works undertaken.

- To assist the Senior Facilities Manager by ensuring the FM team and service contractors are effective to deliver safe, compliant well-presented buildings and services whilst achieving value for money.
- To utilise Planon to manage and monitor work requests. To develop a local PPM schedule.
- In conjunction with the Senior Facilities Manager prepare minor works bids.

Space Management and Strategy

- To assist with space allocation and contribute to longer term planning of space needs in conjunction with the department.
- To assist with space allocation using AutoCad.

Project Management

Facilities-Related Projects (non-capital)

- To assist in the preparation, planning and management of Facilities related projects. Projects may be building and/or service related (e.g. relocation of departments etc.)

Supplier & Other Service Contract Management

- To assist in the management and performance review of a variety of supplier and service contracts e.g. cleaning, which may create an opportunity for improved service levels and/or reduced costs.
- Briefing and monitoring of external consultants and contractors.

Safety and Security

- To provide support and advice to the DSO (Departmental Safety Officer) for departments occupying managed buildings.
- To advise and provide a compliant and safe physical working environment for staff in Facilities managed buildings, ensuring that the University's health and safety policies are followed and that appropriate risk assessments are undertaken.
- To assist in security matters including the operation of alarms and access control systems, and the CCTV coverage of the managed premises.
- To participate in the call-round arrangement for out-of-hours response.
- Perform ad-hoc PAT testing
- In conjunction with the Senior Facilities Manager and the department, develop and maintain general business continuity arrangements

Maintenance

- To carry out minor repairs on a daily basis within competency level
- To report faults through the University Help Desk
- To repair and maintain the building's audio visual aids
- To carry out maintenance of the building facilities
- Working with substances which may have any of the following pictograms on their MSDS



- Working at Heights
- Lone working
- Driving on University business
- Regular manual handling

Catering Services

- Assist in ensuring that health and safety requirements are met and service levels maintained.

Estate Services FM Team

- Oversee generally the management of this team which provides portering, housekeeping and minor maintenance services, in addition to the Reception Team in certain FM managed buildings.
- Working with the Direct Labour Organisation and external contractors as required.

Sustainability

- To have a general awareness of environmental issues (e.g. energy consumption, recycling arrangements etc.), implementing and maintaining as agreed.
- Support Estates Services sustainability initiatives including implementing an Environmental Management System.

Selection criteria

Essential selection criteria

- A minimum requirement of an HND qualification or equivalent.
- Demonstrable relevant experience within facilities management.
- Demonstrable experience of buildings management.
- Demonstrable experience of project and space management.
- Good communication and interpersonal skills together with a positive attitude.
- Good understanding of facilities management issues and procurement procedures.
- Ability to work on own initiative and to prioritise work for self and for teams.
- Demonstrable experience of managing teams of staff in diverse areas.
- Ability to work on own initiative and as part of a larger team.
- Ability to deal diplomatically but firmly with difficult situations.
- Have a good understanding of Health & Safety Issues relevant to the workplace.
- Willing to learn new skills, attend appropriate training courses, and be able to work in a fast changing environment.

- IT literate, including familiarity with Microsoft Office software, ideally including MS Office.

Desirable selection criteria

- Experience of working in the University sector.
- Experience of change management.
- Experience of business development of services.
- A professional qualification in facilities management or related subject.

Pre-employment screening

Standard checks

If you are offered the post, the offer will be subject to standard pre-employment checks. You will be asked to provide: proof of your right-to-work in the UK; proof of your identity; and (if we haven't done so already) we will contact the referees you have nominated. You will also be asked to complete a health declaration so that you can tell us about any health conditions or disabilities for which you may need us to make appropriate adjustments.

Please read the candidate notes on the University's pre-employment screening procedures at: <https://www.jobs.ox.ac.uk/pre-employment-checks>

Hazard-specific / Safety-critical duties

This job includes hazards or safety-critical activities. If you are offered the post, you will be asked to complete a health questionnaire which will be assessed by our Occupational Health Service, and the offer of employment will be subject a successful outcome of this assessment.

The hazards or safety-critical duties involved are as follows:

- Regular manual handling
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- Power tools
- The use of ladders
- Working with COSHH items which may have any of the following pictograms on their MSDS



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Welcome to the University of Oxford. We aim to lead the world in research and education for the benefit of society both in the UK and globally. Oxford's researchers engage with academic, commercial and cultural partners across the world to stimulate high-quality research and enable innovation through a broad range of social, policy and economic impacts.

We believe our strengths lie both in empowering individuals and teams to address fundamental questions of global significance, while providing all our staff with a welcoming and inclusive workplace that enables everyone to develop and do their best work. Recognising that diversity is our strength, vital for innovation and creativity, we aspire to build a truly diverse community which values and respects every individual's unique contribution.

While we have long traditions of scholarship, we are also forward-looking, creative and cutting-edge. Oxford is one of Europe's most entrepreneurial universities and we rank first in the UK for university spin-outs, and in recent years we have spun out 15-20 new companies every year. We are also recognised as leaders in support for social enterprise.

Join us and you will find a unique, democratic and international community, a great range of staff benefits and access to a vibrant array of cultural activities in the beautiful city of Oxford.

For more information, please visit www.ox.ac.uk/about/organisation.

Facilities Management at the University of Oxford

Standing regulations in the form of 'The Estates Regulations' are issued by the Building and Estates Sub Committee (BESC) under the authority of Council, which apply to all University buildings within the functional estate. The Estates regulations divide the responsibilities for maintaining University buildings between BESC (delivered by the Estates Services) and the occupying department. This is embedded as common practice within the University. OUES deliver, in general 'Hard FM' services and are responsible for Mechanical, Electrical and structural disciplines. 'Soft' services', day to day maintenance, Health and Safety and management of departmental specific equipment are a departmental responsibility. The departmental responsibilities are the services OUES FM provide and are the remit for this post.

OUES Facilities Management – Background

The Estates Services has a growing responsibility for Facilities Management (FM) throughout the University's estate. Historically, FM has been largely organised locally, by occupying departments. The benefits of a professional approach to FM are now more widely recognised, however significant opportunities still remain. The Estates Services currently have responsibility for the provision of the FM function for approx. 20% (120,000 sqm) of the current functional estate. This has increased year on year as departments recognise the benefits of a professional FM service and of their existing FM managers becoming part of a broader FM team. The centrally managed FM function has been restructured to allow this service to continue to grow and to maximise opportunities for efficiencies and sharing of resource.

For more information please visit www.admin.ox.ac.uk/estates/facilitiesmanagement

Estates Services

Estates Services is responsible for the management and strategic development of the University's functional and commercial estate, comprising 440 buildings, and associated infrastructure. The University's functional buildings include specialist research buildings, teaching laboratories and lecture halls, sports facilities, libraries and museums, administrative and ceremonial buildings. Commercial properties include graduate accommodation, office space, warehouses and agricultural land and property.

The day-to-day responsibilities of Estates Services include managing the capital building programme, aimed at delivering world class new buildings; repairs and maintenance, including upkeep of some of the finest buildings in the city; facilities management for a number of University buildings; the provision of central services such as mail room services; maintaining a safe and secure physical environment; the allocation of space for departmental use; property acquisitions, disposals and leases; accommodation for graduate students at eight sites, as well as housing for key staff; conserving Wytham Woods and University Parks, and managing gardens and landscapes across the estate; carbon reduction strategies across the University and helping staff and students to make sustainable workplace and travel choices.

For more information please visit: [Facilities Management | Estates Services \(ox.ac.uk\)](#)

University Administration and Services

University Administration and Services (UAS) is the collective term for the central administrative departments of the University. UAS comprises structures to:

Support the University's core academic purposes of teaching, learning and research;

Ensure the University can meet the requirements of government, funding bodies and other external agencies; and

Facilitate the attainment of the objectives set out in the University's Strategic Plan.

How to apply

Applications are made through our online recruitment portal. Information about how to apply is available on our Jobs website <https://www.jobs.ox.ac.uk/how-to-apply>.

Your application will be judged solely on the basis of how you demonstrate that you meet the selection criteria stated in the job description.

As part of your application you will be asked to provide details of two referees and indicate whether we can contact them now.

You will be asked to upload a CV and a supporting statement. The supporting statement must explain how you meet each of the selection criteria for the post using examples of your skills and experience. This may include experience gained in employment, education, or during career breaks (such as time out to care for dependants)

Please upload all documents **as PDF files** with your name and the document type in the filename.

All applications must be received by **midday** UK time on the closing date stated in the online advertisement.

Information for priority candidates

A priority candidate is a University employee who is seeking redeployment because they have been advised that they are at risk of redundancy, or on grounds of ill-health/disability. Priority candidates are issued with a redeployment letter by their employing department(s).

If you are a priority candidate, please ensure that you attach your redeployment letter to your application (or email it to the contact address on the advert if the application form used for the vacancy does not allow attachments).

If you need help

Application FAQs, including technical troubleshooting advice is available at: <https://staff.web.ox.ac.uk/recruitment-support-faqs>

Non-technical questions about this job should be addressed to the recruiting department directly.

To return to the online application at any stage, please go to: www.recruit.ox.ac.uk.

Please note that you will receive an automated email from our online recruitment portal to confirm receipt of your application. **Please check your spam/junk mail** if you do not receive this email.

Important information for candidates

Data Privacy

Please note that any personal data submitted to the University as part of the job application process will be processed in accordance with the GDPR and related UK data protection legislation. For further information, please see the University's Privacy Notice for Job Applicants at: <https://compliance.admin.ox.ac.uk/job-applicant-privacy-policy>. The University's Policy on Data Protection is available at: <https://compliance.admin.ox.ac.uk/data-protection-policy>.

The University's policy on retirement

The University operates an Employer Justified Retirement Age (EJRA) for very senior research posts at **grade RSIV/D35 and clinical equivalents E62 and E82** of 30 September before the 70th birthday. The justification for this is explained at: <https://hr.admin.ox.ac.uk/the-ejra>.

For **existing** employees on these grades, any employment beyond the retirement age is subject to approval through the procedures: <https://hr.admin.ox.ac.uk/the-ejra>.

There is no normal or fixed age at which staff in posts at other grades have to retire. Staff at these grades may elect to retire in accordance with the rules of the applicable pension scheme, as may be amended from time to time.

Equality of opportunity

Entry into employment with the University 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. No applicant or member of staff shall be discriminated against because of age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage or civil partnership, pregnancy or maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, or sexual orientation.

Benefits of working at the University

Employee benefits

University employees enjoy 38 days' paid holiday, generous pension schemes, travel discounts, and a variety of professional development opportunities. Our range of other employee benefits and discounts also includes free entry to the Botanic Gardens and University colleges, and discounts at University museums. See <https://hr.admin.ox.ac.uk/staff-benefits>

University Club and sports facilities

Membership of the University Club is free for all University staff. The University Club offers social, sporting, and hospitality facilities. Staff can also use the University Sports Centre on Iffley Road at discounted rates, including a fitness centre, powerlifting room, and swimming pool. See www.club.ox.ac.uk and <https://www.sport.ox.ac.uk/>.

Information for staff new to Oxford

If you are relocating to Oxfordshire from overseas or elsewhere in the UK, the University's Welcome Service website includes practical information about settling in the area, including advice on relocation, accommodation, and local schools. See <https://welcome.ox.ac.uk/>

There is also a visa loan scheme to cover the costs of UK visa applications for staff and their dependants. See <https://staffimmigration.admin.ox.ac.uk/visa-loan-scheme>

Family-friendly benefits

With one of the most generous family leave schemes in the Higher Education sector, and a range of flexible working options, Oxford aims to be a family-friendly employer. We also subscribe to the Work+Family Space, a service that provides practical advice and support for employees who have caring responsibilities. The service offers a free telephone advice line, and the ability to book emergency back-up care for children, adult dependents and elderly relatives. See <https://hr.admin.ox.ac.uk/my-family-care>

The University has excellent childcare services, including five University nurseries as well as University-supported places at many other private nurseries.

For full details, including how to apply and the costs, see <https://childcare.admin.ox.ac.uk/>

Disabled staff

We are committed to supporting members of staff with disabilities or long-term health conditions. For further details, including information about how to make contact, in confidence, with the University's Staff Disability Advisor, see <https://edu.admin.ox.ac.uk/disability-support>

Staff networks

The University has a number of staff networks including the Oxford Research Staff Society, BME staff network, LGBT+ staff network and a disabled staff network. You can find more information at <https://edu.admin.ox.ac.uk/networks>

The University of Oxford Newcomers' Club

The University of Oxford Newcomers' Club is an organisation run by volunteers that aims to assist the partners of new staff settle into Oxford, and provides them with an opportunity to meet people and make connections in the local area. See www.newcomers.ox.ac.uk.

Oxford Research Staff Society (OxRSS)

A society run by and for Oxford University research staff. It offers researchers a range of social and professional networking opportunities. Membership is free, and all researchers employed by Oxford University are welcome to join. Subscribe at researchstaff-subscribe@maillist.ox.ac.uk to join the mailing list to find out about upcoming events and other information for researchers, or contact the committee on committee@oxrss.ox.ac.uk. For more information, see www.ox.ac.uk/oxrss, Twitter @ResStaffOxford, and Facebook www.facebook.com/oxrss.