

ROTHSCHILD & BICKERS

Job Title: Glass Blowing Assistant year apprenticeship

Contract: 1 year full time.

Job Overview:

We are seeking a Glass Blowing Assistant to join our team for a one-year fixed contract. The successful candidate will work closely with our experienced glass blowers in the creation of unique and beautiful hand-blown glass lighting. The main responsibilities and benefits are detailed below:

Key Responsibilities:

- Daily studio setup to include: setting up the workshop for production and cleaning the workshop area at the beginning/end of each day.
- Preparing glass colour and equipment for the next days production
- Assisting our experienced glassblowers with the shaping and blowing of glass pieces. This will include colour prep, bench blowing, helping turn the iron, puntying, shielding etc.
- Inspecting finished pieces for quality and accuracy
- Assisting with packaging and shipping of glass products
- Learning to charge the furnace and providing basic equipment care
- Processing and cold working products to a high standard
- Maintaining a safe working environment following all protocol and safety standards
- Learning from and asking for constructive feedback from more experienced co-workers
- Average week will consist of 50% of time spent assisting in the Hotshop 25% of time Coldworking 25% packing & dispatch.

Who this will suit

You will be working closely with a small team of 10 people, you should enjoy working in a small team environment. You should be eager to learn new skills and be happy to take on feedback and accept responsibilities. Ideally you will have some glass experience and are looking to establish yourself within the hand made glass industry. Recent graduates and previous applicants are encouraged to apply. We will provide 'on the job' training.

Personal Requirements:

Strong work ethic and exemplary time keeping skills

Good manual dexterity and hand skills

Strong attention to detail

Ability to lift up to 20-25 kgs on occasion and be in good physical shape

Minimum of 1-year experience of working glass (either in college or professionally)

Ability to work in a team environment with good communication skills

Willingness to learn and take direction from experienced glass blowers

Ability to work independently and manage own time effectively through prioritising tasks

Basic computer literacy and fluency in English expected

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Benefits:

8 hours a month in the hot workshop (after hours/weekends once trained in using equipment) to develop your skills/own work. Clear glass and tools provided (other supplies not provided) This would cost approximately £350-450 if hired externally.

Being part of a busy, experienced team. There is a lot to learn about running a successful hot glass business. Monday - Friday 08:00 - 16:30 working hours. You are not expected to work weekends or bank holidays.

Application Process:

Initial expressions of interest should be made via email to mark@rothschildbickers.com using the subject "Assistant application" Please send a copy of your current CV detailing your training and previous glassblowing experience. We will acknowledge receipt of your email. If you do not hear from us within 3 days please resend your email or give us a call. We are flexible on start dates for the right applicant!

Starting salary: Approx. £21,000 : Dependent on experience and hours

Find out more about our company at rothschildbickers.com If you have any questions please do get in touch.