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**Reference: 0283-24**

**Grade: 7**

**Salary: £29605 to £34980 per annum, depending on experience**

**Contract Type: Fixed term (Maternity Cover)**

**Basis: Full time**

## Job description

Our people are an integral and essential part of the Aston 2030 strategy, published in June 2023. Our key people-related aims include being the best place to work and attracting and retaining the most talented and dedicated individuals to achieve their full potential while at Aston. Our Human Resources and Organisational Development (HROD) Department will play a key role in supporting the development and implementation of our evolving People Strategy which will enable the delivery of the Aston 2030 strategy.

As part of the HR Business Partnering team, the HR Advisors will play an integral role in the implementation of effective, equitable and consistent HR support across Aston University's academic and professional services departments, working alongside the HR Business Partners to do so.

HR Advisors will provide support to a range of people processes at Aston, alongside projects and some case work. The HR Advisors will support the work of operationalising the People Strategy under the direction of the HROD Leadership and HR Business Partners.

## Main duties and Responsibilities

- Supporting the leadership in the HROD department, in particular the Head of Business Partnering and the HR Business Partners, with operationalising the Aston People Strategy.
- To support relationships with internal stakeholders, including those leading academic and professional services departments.
- To provide capacity and support with case work, in partnership with the HR Business Partners and relevant academic and professional services departments.
- To provide initial responses to routine people management related queries from employees and managers, referring to HR Business Partners when required.
- Supporting HR Business Partners and HR leadership with aspects of management of complex cases, including taking notes of meetings and preparation of documentation.
- To support the HR Business Partners with data collation in discussion with the HR Systems team.
- To provide guidance and advice to managers and employees on routine HR policy implementation related queries, escalating to HR Business Partners where appropriate.
- To support in the process mapping and improvement process related to the work of the Partnering team.
- To support the Policy & Compliance Lead and contribute to the development and maintenance of policies and processes.
- To support with Occupational health management referrals processes.

- To support recruitment administration on behalf of their stakeholder groups as discussed and agreed between the HR Operations and Partnering teams.

### **Additional responsibilities**

- ▶ Engage in continuous personal and professional development in line with the demands of the role, including undertaking relevant training and development activities to develop themselves and support the development of others.
- ▶ Ensure and promote the personal health, safety and wellbeing of staff and students.
- ▶ Carry out duties in a way which promotes fairness in all matters and which engenders trust.
- ▶ Promote equality of opportunity and support diversity and inclusion as well as working to support the University's environmental sustainability agenda and practices.

# Person specification

	Essential	Method of assessment
<b>Education and qualifications</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ CIPD Level 3 qualified and Associate Member, or equivalent experience.</li> </ul>	Application form and Interview.
<b>Experience</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Experience in either generalist or specialist HR in a large complex public or private organisation.</li> <li>➤ Experience of supporting HR processes, including but not limited to grievance, disciplinary, capability, sickness absence management, etc.</li> <li>➤ Experience of operating effectively in a HR role within a unionised environment.</li> <li>➤ Experience of achieving targets and KPIs linked to strategy through service delivery.</li> </ul>	Application form and interview.
<b>Aptitude and skills</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Customer and results focused.</li> <li>➤ Collaborative and personable.</li> <li>➤ Commitment to equality, diversity and inclusion.</li> <li>➤ Strong oral and written communication skills.</li> <li>➤ Up to date knowledge of employment law.</li> <li>➤ Evidence of continued professional development.</li> </ul>	Application form and interview.

	<b>Desirable</b>	<b>Method of assessment</b>
<b>Education and qualifications</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Desire to, or action towards, progress to CIPD Level 5 qualification.</li> <li>➤ Degree or equivalent qualification gained from a higher education institution.</li> </ul>	Application form.
<b>Experience</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Experience of case work and management.</li> <li>➤ Experience of project working.</li> <li>➤ Experience of working in a business partnering model.</li> </ul>	Application form and interview.
<b>Aptitude and Skills</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Ability to network effectively inside organisations.</li> <li>➤ Proficient with Microsoft Office and able to use HR management systems (HRMS).</li> </ul>	Application form and interview.

# How to apply

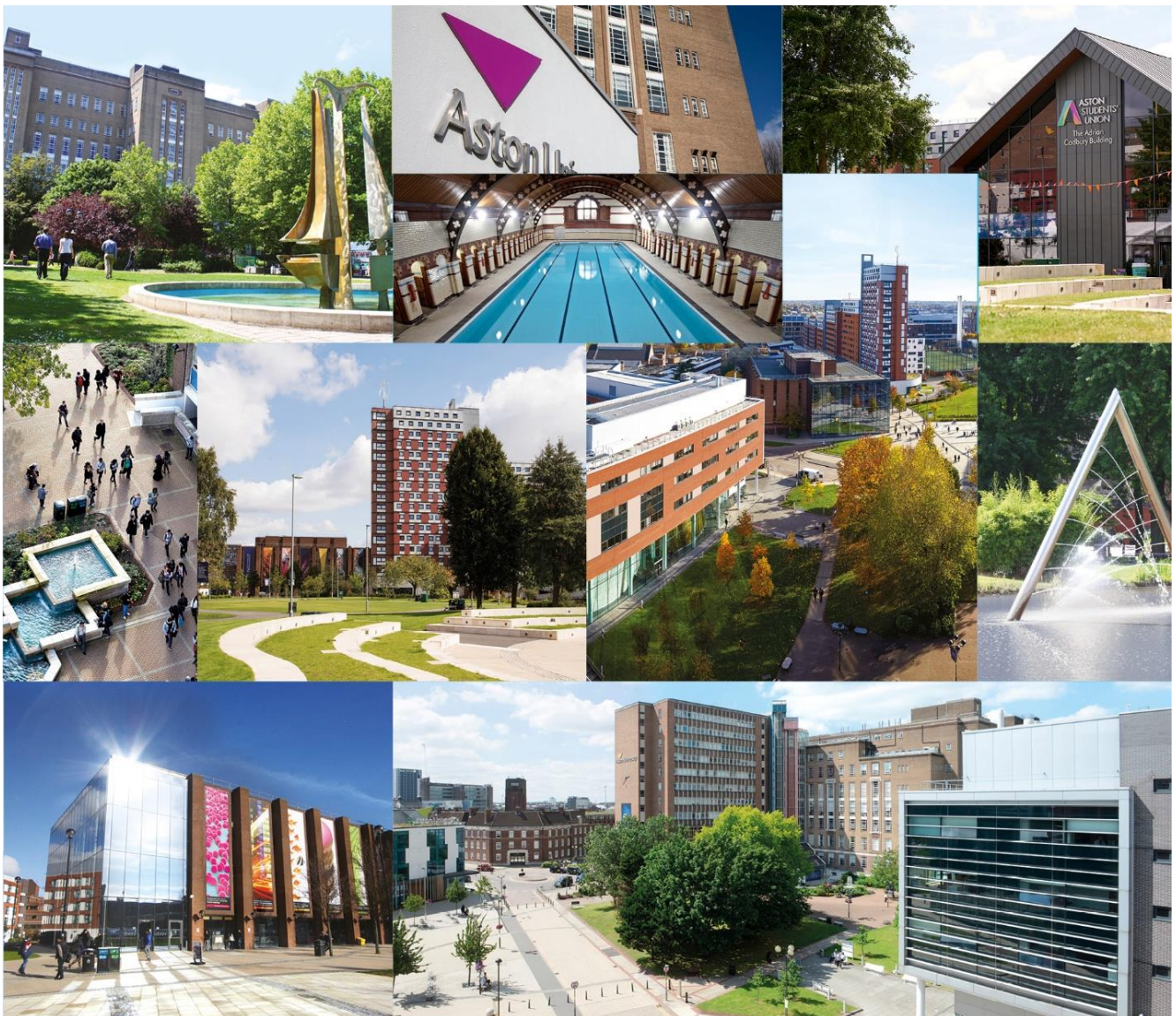
You can apply for this role online via our website <https://www2.aston.ac.uk/staff-public/hr/jobs>.

Applications should be submitted by 23:59pm on the advertised closing date.

All applicants must complete an application form, along with your CV.

Any CV sent direct to the Recruitment Team and Recruiting Manager will not be accepted.

If you require a manual application form then please contact the Recruitment Team via [jobs@aston.ac.uk](mailto:jobs@aston.ac.uk).



## Contact information

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### Enquiries about the application process, shortlisting or interviews:

Recruitment Team via [jobs@aston.ac.uk](mailto:jobs@aston.ac.uk) or 0121 204 4500.

## Additional information

Visit our website <https://www2.aston.ac.uk/staff-public/hr> for full details of our salary scales and benefits  
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**Salary scales:** <https://www2.aston.ac.uk/staff-public/hr/payroll-and-pensions/salary-scales/index>

**Benefits:** [Benefits and Rewards | Aston University](#)

**Working in Birmingham:** <https://www2.aston.ac.uk/birmingham>

**Employment of Ex-Offenders:** Under the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974, a person with a criminal record is not required to disclose any spent convictions unless the positions they applying for is listed an exception under the act.

**Eligibility to work in the UK:** You should ensure that you meet the eligibility requirements, including meeting the [English language standards](#). If you do not meet the eligibility criteria, any application for a work visa would be unsuccessful. Please see UKVI guidance for further information on eligibility, knowledge of English requirements and approved test centres <https://www.gov.uk/tier-2-general>

With the end of free movement for EU/EEA/Swiss nationals from 1 January 2021, the UK's new immigration system applies to all non-UK/Irish nationals who require a visa.

Where an individual is subject to UK immigration control, they will require a visa to work in the UK.

The following individuals do not need a visa for the UK, but do still have to prove their right to work before employment can commence:

- **British Citizens or Irish Nationals**
- **EU/EEA/Swiss nationals with Settled or Pre-settled status under the EU Settlement Scheme**
- **Non-EEA nationals with Indefinite Leave to Remain/Settlement in the UK**

The main routes available for those who need a visa to work in the UK are **Skilled Worker**, **Global Talent** and the **Graduate Route**.

You can find further information about each of these visa routes on our [candidate immigration page](#).

If you will conduct research in your role, you may need to apply for and obtain ATAS clearance before Aston can issue a Certificate of Sponsorship for your visa application. Please see below for further details.

**Academic Technology Approval Scheme (ATAS):** If you will conduct research in your role and you apply for a Skilled Worker or Temporary Worker GAE visa, you may need to apply for and obtain ATAS clearance before Aston can issue a Certificate of Sponsorship for your visa application.

This process can take at least 6 weeks to process, and Aston will consider this when confirming your expected start date. Processing times will increase between April and September and can longer to complete.

There is no fast-track option available. ATAS certificates will be processed in order of receipt.

You can find more information about ATAS on our [candidate immigration page](#).

### **Before you start and Right to Work**

#### **90-day entry vignette**

If you have applied for your visa outside of the UK, you will receive a vignette in your passport which is usually valid for 90 days. Please make sure to travel to the UK within the 'valid from' and 'valid to' dates on this visa. If you entered the UK before or after these dates, you would not 'activate' the visa and you would need to leave and re-enter the country.

You will also receive a decision letter confirming details about your immigration permission and where to collect your Biometric Residence Permit.

#### **Cost of Living - Estate and Letting Agents**

There are numerous Estate and Letting Agents in and around Birmingham that can help you find suitable accommodation. The [Midland Landlord Accreditation Scheme](#) provides a list of professional agencies and landlords who have applied with them for accreditation. Whilst accreditation is not a guarantee of quality, it provides some reassurance about the standard of the service they provide.

You can also use property search websites such as [Rightmove](#) or [Zoopla](#).

**Equal Opportunities:** Aston University promotes equality and diversity in all aspects of its work. We aim to ensure, through our admissions policies for students, and our staff recruitment and selection processes that we encourage applications from all groups represented in the wider community at a local, national and international level.



The University will endeavour not to discriminate unfairly or illegally, directly or indirectly, against student or potential students, staff or potential staff. This commitment applies to all functions of the University and to any stage of an individual's career.

An Equal Opportunities Monitoring Form is included within the application form. Data you provide on the Equal Opportunities Monitoring Form will be included in a general database, for statistical monitoring purposes, enabling the University to monitor the effectiveness of its Policy, Codes of Practice and Guidelines on Equal Opportunities in Employment. Individuals will not be identified by name.

**Data Protection:** Your personal data will be processed in compliance with the Data Protection Act 2018 and the General Data Protection Regulation ((EU) 2016/679) ("GDPR"). The University's Data Protection Policy and Privacy Notices, including the Job Applicant Privacy Notice can be found at <https://www2.aston.ac.uk/data-protection>. Your application will only be used to inform the selection process, unless you are successful, in which case it will form the basis of your personal record with the University which will be stored in manual and/or electronic files. Information in statistical form on present and former employees is given to appropriate outside bodies.

Full details of our terms and conditions of service and associated policies and procedures are available online at <https://www2.aston.ac.uk/staff-public/hr/policies>

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