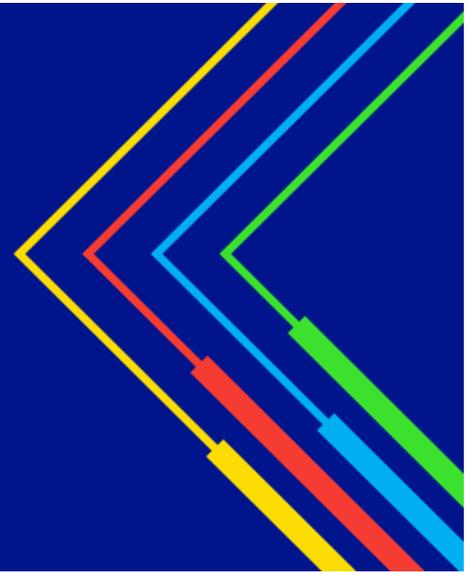


# Graduate Buyer, Procurement

## Warwick



## About You & the Role

### Graduate Buyer, Procurement

**Location: Warwick**

### About the Role

You will be working as a part of diverse Procurement team which uses a strategic approach for buying all the goods and services needed for the company to stay sustainable. You will be involved in the development of category strategies, identification of need, finding and qualifying suppliers, requesting proposals, reviewing tenders, negotiating with suppliers, and contracting.

You will work closely with stakeholders from across the business to ensure sustainability, quality and value are driven through the sourcing process. Teams that you may work in include Electricity Transmission, Gas Transmission, Indirects, Fleet, Construction, Global Strategy, and Contract Management.

Working for a FTSE 100 Global company, within Global Procurement, you'll be in a dynamic team responsible for purchasing goods, services and work required to keep National Grid operating.

National Grid is committed to working towards Net Zero and as a Graduate on our Procurement Buyer Programme, you can support this by sourcing sustainable goods and services.

### About You

As part of the role you will build specialist expertise in sourcing, managing and delivering high-profile and high-value contracts. You will develop a flair for recognising opportunities to drive value in the broadest sense, looking beyond simply outright cost reduction.

You will need to be a strong communicator, who can engage effectively with a range of audiences for a variety of purposes and contribute in a positive and collaborative manner to achieving common goals. You must be able to build strong, mutually beneficial relationships across the business that will achieve successful outcomes.

You should be an effective problem-solver, with the ability to apply critical, creative and evidence-based thinking to develop innovative strategies to meet business needs and deliver long term value.

The ideal candidate will engage in a professional manner and possess strong leadership and influencing skills.

You should be self-aware and reflective; be flexible and resilient and have the capacity to accept and give constructive feedback, always acting with integrity and taking responsibility for your actions.

### **What You'll Get**

You will work within one of the largest Procurement departments in the Midlands, gaining skills and experience from a broad range of highly experienced colleagues. You'll be offered a detailed induction and 18-month graduate training program that will give you the skills needed for a successful career in National Grid and Global Procurement. You will have a clear career path from day one, with great opportunities for development and promotion.

You will also be supported to work towards a CIPS professional qualification (Chartered Institute of Procurement and Supply).

You will receive a starting salary of £29,254 (or £30,318 if you hold a Masters) and a £2000 joining bonus. You will also have access to a number of additional benefits such as 25 days' holiday, a generous completion payment, an accommodation allowance as you move around the business, a competitive pension scheme and a number of flexible benefits to name just a few.

### **About Us**

National Grid touches the lives of almost everyone in the UK, with an energy network that stretches across the Atlantic. We're an international team, and our work underpins the lives of millions of people. Feet forwards, head up, and eyes bright, we're working hard to create value for people today – and shape the future of energy tomorrow.

In the UK, we don't generate or sell energy – we join the dots to get energy from A to B. From making a cup of tea in the morning, to keeping the lights on in hospitals, our electricity network puts power in the hands of people. Without it, the world as we know it would grind to a halt.

The world of energy is changing beyond recognition. Working at National Grid, you won't just be touching the lives of almost everyone in the UK – you'll be shaping the way we use and consume energy for generations to come.

### **Our values and principles**

At National Grid, through listening to what our customers need, every day we do the right thing and find a better way.

As a National Grid employee, you'll treat our customers as a priority, taking time to listen and work with them to help give them the best experience we possibly can. You'll need to be proactive and flexible in your approach and continually look for ways to exceed their expectations – sometimes in unexpected and helpful ways. You'll provide accessible information when our customers need it and make things simple by using your expertise to guide them. Above all, you'll follow through on your promises to deliver value, drive efficiency and give them a great customer experience.

We offer inclusion and diversity training for everyone here at National Grid, with a view to building an inclusive working environment and developing all our employees. Training opportunities range from unconscious bias and reverse mentoring to targeted training initiatives which are tailored to support our diverse and innovative work force.

### **Further Information**

This advert closes on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2021. National Grid's recruitment periods can and may vary. We reserve the right to remove this advert or close it to further applications at any point during the recruitment process.