



Façade Technician Role (April 2023)

Harris Associates is a multi-disciplinary consultancy providing high-class surveying, engineering, project management and fire safety services throughout England and Wales. We provide fire engineering, building surveying, cost consultancy and project management services across multiple sectors, and we are one of the leading firms dealing with high-risk buildings in residential, mixed-use, university and college sectors, including student accommodation.

Our ethos has created a culture where our happy team can grow personally and professionally with contribution and achievement being recognised and rewarded. Our flexible, approachable yet professional style promotes effective communication and encourages creativity throughout all our projects and instructions and supports the excellent, long-standing relationships that we have built with all our clients.

We pride ourselves in our in-depth knowledge across all our services, our technical expertise, and the application of critical thinking to everything we do.

We provide an innovative, positive, and progressive environment where we are always looking for the next opportunity for growth and scale.

Aligned with our approach to business improvement and development, the opportunities for personal growth, training and skills development are plentiful.

The Role

We are looking for a talented and professional façade technician to work within our highly skilled façade and engineering team, providing investigation, due diligence, oversight and construction oversight services.

The role will also extend to working with the project management and cost management teams and becoming an integral part of our project teams delivering and overseeing full-scale façade / cladding replacement/remediation contracts. In summary, the successful candidate will be expected to deliver/contribute to the following services:

- Carrying out intrusive investigations of existing buildings, including the coordination of opening up, sampling and testing of façade and cladding systems.
- Determining the nature, configuration, and material composition of external wall systems, including the identification of the presence of insulation products, their combustibility ratings and the identification and determination of the provision of fire breaks, cavity barriers, fire stops etc.
- Advising on matters pertaining to compliance and risk(s) associated with the external wall system(s).
- Collating site investigation data for the purposes of informing the FRAEW process and other related assessments including Building Regulations compliance reviews.

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- Inspection/monitoring of construction works to ensure compliance with contract conditions, best practices, relevant legislation, design drawings, design intent and specifications.
- Undertaking of technical and quality assurance audits, tender reviews, RFIs, due diligence reviews etc.
- Monitoring of cladding remediation projects and other construction work and the preparation of concise, accurate and high-quality project monitoring reports.
- Resolution of technical enquires as they arise, assisting with design reviews and project implementation.
- Provide technical input and work as an integral member alongside the rest of the project teams.
- Measurement and sampling of building materials to check quality and suitability.
- Production of routine letters, reports and other documents of high quality.

Location & Flexible Working

The role is national (primarily England and Wales) and ideally, the successful candidate will operate out of our London or Manchester office. The role will require site inspections and meetings and so we fully anticipate a hybrid combination of in-office and remote working.

The Person

Ideally, the successful candidate will satisfy the following:

- 5+ years of relevant industry experience in consultancy and/or an engineering firm and at least 3 years aggregate experience in a role which has required the need to examine in detail the makeup of external wall / façade construction and/or a role that has required the need to inspect, sign off and evidence the construction of façade systems.
- Degree in building/engineering, or a related field and/or a member or associate member of a relevant professional organisation.
- Detailed knowledge and technical appreciation of a range of façade types including fire safety measures and the ability to demonstrate a broad knowledge of good building design.
- Ability to cross-check construction and live construction works and provide construction oversight inspections.
- Experienced in reviewing design, engineering and construction documentation and provision of specialist input and resolving technical problems.
- Ability to undertake contractor technical audits, tender reviews, RFIs, due diligence reviews etc.
- Knowledge of relevant Building Regulations and statutory limitations, as they relate to fire safety-related matters and construction good practice.



- Ability to produce high-quality documents including routine letters, correspondence, and/or reports and other documents.

The Package

- Highly Competitive Salary (dependent upon experience)
- Bonus
- Pension
- Private Healthcare
- Gym Membership
- CPD, Training & Career Progression
- 25 days Holiday plus Period between Christmas & New Year
- Flexible Hybrid Working