



RURAL BUSINESS CAREER GATEWAY COURSE

If you are a former or serving member of the armed forces or spouse looking at developing a follow-on career in management, this course has been designed specifically for those seeking to transition into agriculture, food and the wider land-based sector.

Location: Royal Agricultural University Campus (with an online preparatory element)

Duration: 2 weeks residential

Date of next course: 4-15 May 2020. (Friday 8 May is a Bank Holiday; there will be no teaching on that day nor during the weekend.)

Overview

Recent research has shown that veterans have difficulty accessing information and courses on land-based careers. This course is new and is one of several that will address what has been lacking in the resettlement system.



The RAU is proud to introduce this unique gateway course in partnership with RuRALink (www.ruralink.org.uk) – a veteran-owned organisation created to provide consultancy services, career transition support and networking opportunities to ex-military personnel who aspire to work in the rural business sector.

The course will feature:

- 2 week on-line preparation period
- 2 week residential
- Visits to rural businesses
- Small study-groups within a course of maximum 20 delegates

Requirements



No former business or agricultural/food experience is required. Prior experience leading small teams, writing reports and presenting oral briefs will be useful.

There are no specific academic requirements for personnel who have served in a leadership role at any rank. Delegates will be asked to complete written team exercises and to present back at an employer forum so if you think you would be challenged by this or if you have any other specific queries, email courses@ruralink.org.uk to request a call back.

Apply now

Application forms are available via the RuRALink website. (ruralink.org.uk/courses-1)

Completed forms along with a digital head and shoulders photograph of the applicant should be emailed to professional.development@rau.ac.uk, cc'ing courses@ruralink.org.uk as soon as possible. Paper or handwritten forms will not be accepted. We recommend applicants keep a copy of the completed form for their records.

If you are unable access the online form then please call Fiona Galbraith, Director of RuRALink Ltd on 07713 160066 or email courses@ruralink.org.uk

The deadline for applications is **27 March 2020**.

Future course dates are planned for October 2020 and April 2021.