



Vacancy for a Seasonal Assistant Biologist position

Job title: Assistant biologist

Salary: circa £20,000 - £22,000 pa pro rata (depending on experience)

Reports to: Trust Manager

Period of employment: For up to 6 months – Potential for extension / permanent post subject to funding and success of placement

Start date: Mid May 2023 or to be agreed with the candidate

Contract type: Full time (37.5 hour working week) duration up to 6 months

Working hours: Typical working hours are 9am-5pm, some evening and weekend work may be required.

Location: Offices based near Mauchline and travel across Ayrshire

Ayrshire Rivers Trust is an Ayrshire based environmental charity set up to promote and support initiatives designed to conserve, enhance and develop our fisheries for the enjoyment of current and future generations, and to preserve a valuable part of our natural heritage.

This work is delivered by a team of Ayrshire based biologists, ecologists and environmental managers. For the 2023 fieldwork season we are looking for an assistant biologist who can integrate into our close-knit team and support the delivery of the trust's objectives. The ideal candidate will be an enthusiastic and driven individual looking to develop a career in fisheries or environmental management. This multi-discipline role will see the candidate working across Ayrshire on a range of projects, consultations and fisheries programmes.

Support will be provided in all aspects of our activities with recognised training courses provided as required.

Job Description

Duties will include office and fieldwork across all terrains and in all weathers and include but are not limited to (training will be provided as necessary):

- Invasive weed control
- Fish population monitoring
- Invertebrate sampling
- Project development and delivery
- Data entry and analysis
- Green engineering

- Assisting with tree inventory, propagation and planting

Essential requirements:

- A current driving license is essential
- Willingness to work outdoors in all weathers
- Good time management
- Willingness to learn new skills as appropriate

Desirable skills:

- Degree qualified (in any related environmental discipline)
- Experience of INNS control – City and Guilds PA6Aw qualified
- Experience of electrofishing – Introduction to electrofishing course
- Habitat assessments
- Horticulture/arboriculture knowledge
- GIS experience
- Social media and website experience

Working hours are 37.5 per week but occasional weekend or evening work may be required. A contributory pension scheme (of up to 6% contribution from the Trust) will be paid. Annual leave is 31 days per annum including statutory days (pro rata).

Ayrshire Rivers Trust are an equal opportunities employer that does not discriminate. Candidates must be able to demonstrate their right to work in the UK.

If you are seeking a career in conservation and feel you would fit in with our team then please submit a CV and cover letter to:-

Carolyn Bryce, Ayrshire Rivers Trust Biologist

Carolyn@ayrshireriverstrust.org

Cover letters should be no more than 1 side of A4 or equivalent.

Interviews will be by arrangement and held in ART's office at Braeside, Burnbrae Lodge, By Mauchline KA5 5HE. Interviews will be held the week commencing the 29th May 2023.

The office is not on Public Transport routes.

Closing date for applications is 4pm - Friday 26th May 2023