

## Vacancy for a Seasonal Assistant Biologist position

**Job title:** Assistant biologist

**Salary:** £23,400 pa pro rata

**Reports to:** Trust Manager

**Period of employment:** To the end of November 2024 – Potential for extension / permanent post subject to funding and success of placement

**Start date:** Mid June 2024 or to be agreed with the candidate

**Contract type:** fixed term, part-time (22.5 hour working week)

**Working hours:** Typical working hours are 9am-5pm with some evening and weekend work 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 2024 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:

- 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 Freshwater biology preferred (or 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 22.5 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 (pro rata) including statutory days.

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 enthusiastically seeking a career in conservation, feel you have the appropriate expertise or skills that would be beneficial to Ayrshire Rivers Trust then please submit a CV and cover letter to:-

Carolyn Bryce, Ayrshire Rivers Trust Senior Biologist

[Carolyn@ayrshireriverstrust.org](mailto: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 2 Crosshill Cottages, Mauchline, KA5 5HJ

The office is not on Public Transport routes. Travel expenses for interview will be reimbursed.

**Closing date for applications is 5pm – 6<sup>th</sup> June 2024**

**Interviews will be held on the 10<sup>th</sup> June 2024.**