

Assistant Ecologist (full-time)

Job description

PBA has an exciting opportunity for an Assistant Ecologist at the company's modern new base in Giggleswick, on the edge of the Yorkshire Dales National Park. PBA was established in 2010, and has grown to become the region's leading independent ecology practice. Carrying out ecological surveys and providing ecological and environmental support to a wide range of development projects throughout the region, PBA has a broad range of varied and interesting projects, each requiring bespoke solutions.

Our team of professional ecologists requires additional Assistant Ecologist support. Initially probationary (6mths), this is a full-time position, with the opportunity for further progression within the business. We are offering an attractive starting salary (plus benefits including flexible working, NEST Pension and cycle-to-work scheme), full training and support, and a brilliant working environment. The traditional market town of Settle is just a mile away, and this is also a great area for a range of sports, outdoor pursuits and classic karst landscapes of the Yorkshire Dales.

The successful candidate will work with an energetic team of ecologists, contributing valued support to this growing business, both in the office and the field, undertaking clearly defined tasks, initially under supervision.

Specific duties to include

- General support for a wide range of field work
- Preparations for field surveys
- Assisting with ecological surveys and species identification
- Assisting with freshwater laboratory duties
- Assisting with biosecurity duties
- Assisting with data entry and digital mapping
- Assisting with electro fishing surveys conducted by qualified personnel
- Assisting with data requests, and reporting on data searches
- Assisting with report preparation



Essential criteria

- Achieve (or expect to achieve) BSc. 2(i) in a natural sciences subject
- Demonstrates keen interest in natural science, ecology and the natural environment
- Engaged, enthusiastic and willing to learn
- Adaptable and has a “can do” attitude
- Good verbal communication skills and able to express themselves clearly
- Excellent written English and good report writing ability
- Willing to follow instruction, especially in respect of personal safety
- Physically fit, at home in the outdoors, and happy to be out in all weather
- Knowledge of and basic competence with computers and MS Office Word & Excel
- Full driving licence

Desirable criteria

- Able to work independently and with initiative
- Active interest in wildlife identification and recording
- Attention to detail and methodical in approach to tasks
- Numerate – competent in basic data handling
- Creative and able to develop ideas
- Previous relevant experience
- Ability to swim confidently in open water

Starting salary range

£16,450- £19,740

Applications

Please send your CV, together with covering letter explaining why you consider this opportunity to be the right one for you, and **when you will be available to start** (1 side A4 only) to:

Elizabeth Judson, PBA Applied Ecology Ltd.,
New Croft, Stackhouse Lane, Giggleswick, Settle, BD24 0DL

Or email to: e.judson@pba-ecology.co.uk

Closing date:

Sunday 4th March, 2018

Starting date: T.B.C.

31 Jan 2018