

## Seasonal Ecological Assistant(s)

### Job description

PBA has an exciting opportunity for seasonal ecologist(s) at the company's modern base on the edge of the Yorkshire Dales National Park. PBA was established in 2010 and has grown to become one of the UK's most respected specialist ecology practices. Our high-achieving team of professionals provides clients with a wide range of ecological and environmental services. PBA has a broad range of challenging projects, often located in sensitive locations, each requiring bespoke solutions.

Our team of professional ecologists requires additional seasonal field and technical support. We envisage awarding fixed term full-time contract(s), up to 6mths duration, based at our Yorkshire Dales offices. We are offering an attractive salary, full training and support, and a brilliant work/life environment. This opportunity might suit e.g. highly motivated undergrad(s) seeking valuable work experience over the summer months.

The successful candidate(s) will have a demonstrable well-established passion for UK wildlife and will be actively developing their competencies in species identification. Applicants with bat survey experience are especially welcome. Working with our energetic team of ecologists, the successful candidate(s) will contribute valued support to this growing business, both around the offices and in the field, undertaking clearly defined tasks under supervision.

### Specific duties to include

- Field and technical support for a wide range of project work.
- Assisting with planning and resourcing of ecological surveys.
- Assisting with ecological surveys and species identification.
- Assisting with data analysis, including bat call analysis.
- Assisting with biosecurity duties and maintaining field gear.
- Assisting with data entry and digital mapping.
- Assisting with data requests and reporting on data searches.
- Assisting with report preparation.



## Essential criteria

- Achieve (or expect to achieve) 2(i) in a related degree subject.
- Able to demonstrate keen interest in 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.
- Exceptional planning and organisational skills for your own time and project work.
- Capable of working under pressure with the ability to meet deadlines.
- Willing to follow instruction, especially in respect of personal safety.
- Proficiency in standard IT and communication applications is essential, and capabilities in mapping software are desirable.
- A good level of physical ability to undertake strenuous survey work in remote locations.
- 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.
- ROLO/CSCS/first aid training.

## Salary range

Negotiable dependent on experience.

## Applications

Please send your CV, together with covering letter (1 side A4) explaining why you are right for this opportunity and when you will be available to start to: [enquiries@pba-ecology.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@pba-ecology.co.uk)

**Closing date:** 31<sup>st</sup> May 2021 (*early applications will be considered*)

**Starting date:** TBC

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