

FOREST RESEARCH

Silviculturist

Reference number: 297474

Salary: £27,779 - £30,168 - Appointments to Forest Research are made at the minimum salary quoted above except in exceptional circumstances where a candidate's experience and skills may justify a higher starting salary. Normal pay on transfer rules apply for existing civil servants.

Location: Alice Holt, Farnham, Surrey GU10 4LH with blended working which gives you the option to work some of the week from home, and some of the week from the workplace

About the job

Job summary

Want to work at the cutting edge of environmental science research? Passionate about making a difference and playing your part in tackling the climate and nature crises? Forest Research (FR) is a leading UK scientific research organisation that provides impactful scientific data, evidence and advice to policymakers and practitioners. Internationally recognised, we want to work with people who have the skills and passion to deliver impactful science which informs practical solutions across the sector.

We're small enough that your voice is heard, yet large enough, as part of the Forestry Commission, that we have everything on hand to get the job done, as well as a variety of career pathways. Our staff are dedicated to their work and sharing it with others to bring positive change for our natural environment. With locations across the UK, you will find us a flexible and inclusive employer who promotes agile working to help you manage your work life balance.

Job description

The post is based in the Silviculture and Wood Properties Science Group of Forest Research. The main aims of the team are to improve the scientific understanding of: (1) silvicultural practice with the objective of increasing the resilience of forests to climate change and biotic threats, and (2) the effects of silvicultural and environmental factors on wood properties, with the objective of enhancing the value of timber. Our work is currently focused on seven main areas: silvicultural systems; pesticides and vegetation management; regeneration and early stand tending; wood properties; emerging species; long term experiments and upland silviculture. We achieve our aims using a range of scientific methods including field experiments, surveys, modelling, laboratory studies and literature reviews. The team has a strong track record of producing respected practical guidance on the management of forests and how to improve wood quality, supporting this with evidence published in peer-reviewed scientific papers. There are 11 people in the team based at Alice Holt Lodge on the Surrey / Hampshire border and the Northern Research Station near Edinburgh. A key feature of our work is co-operation with the Technical Services Unit, who carry out most of our fieldwork.

The post is full-time, permanent and will be based at the Alice Holt Research Station. There will be a requirement to attend Alice Holt in person for at least 3 days a week.



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Essential Criteria:

- A degree in forestry or another plant based biological science
- A strong interest in, or experience of, forest management
- Evidence of some experience of involvement with data checking and handling
- Proven ability to produce quality written reports
- Strong interpersonal skills and some experience of working in a team
- Good self-organisation and time management skills
- Able to travel regularly, sometimes involving overnight stays
- We require the applicant to have a full current driving licence that enables them to drive in the UK. We will consider any proposals that would allow applicants to do the job by other means

Desirable Criteria:

- Authorship of published reports/scientific papers
- Experience of scientific research
- Knowledge and use of R programming language or other software for statistical analysis, or the willingness to learn
- Membership of the Institute of Chartered Foresters or a similar professional body

Closing date: 23:55, 13 August 2023.

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