



**Field Environmental Scientists x2 posts**  
**Based in our Edinburgh office – on the Heriot Watt campus**  
**Fixed term until 31 March 2020**

The British Geological Survey (BGS) is one of the world's leading and forward thinking geological science institutes with a focus on both public good science for government and geoscientific research to understand earth and environmental processes. Vacancies have arisen for two highly motivated and enthusiastic Field Environmental Scientists at the Lyell Centre in Edinburgh.

You will provide support to the UK GeoEnergy Observatories (UKGEOS) project is NERC's response to the UK Government's announcement in the 2014 Autumn Statement that it will allocate £31m to create world-class, subsurface energy research test centres, to be operated by the BGS.

As part of a larger project team, you will assist with the development and implementation of the hydrogeological, hydrological and other environmental elements of the baseline characterisation and environmental monitoring programme for UKGEOS. Although part of a team you will be expected to work on tasks independently when required and the work will involve significant periods of fieldwork carrying out measurement, sampling and testing as well as desk study and some laboratory based work. Activities will focus on characterising the hydrogeology, surface water, soil chemistry, soil gas at the UKGEOS site in Scotland through implementation of monitoring/testing programmes, field-based sampling, establishment of automated monitoring systems and the interpretation and presentation of results. The objective being to evaluate environmental conditions around the UKGEOS site, characterise spatial and temporal variation and identify the environmental factors controlling the variation. This work will be part of a co-ordinated programme of environmental characterization that includes water, chemistry, seismicity and ground motion. You will also contribute to preparation of technical reports, scientific publications and presentations.

You should be educated to 2:1 in a relevant degree and possibly have either an MSc/MSci in Hydrogeology or Environmental Science (or related subject) or relevant experience. In addition, you must possess good numeracy (data and statistical analysis) and communication skills (both oral and written). The post involves team working and spending periods undertaking fieldwork, therefore you should be able to work effectively with others, have good time management skills, hold a valid driving licence and be willing to drive as part of field work duties.

These posts are fixed term until 31 March 2020. Starting salary will be between £22,224 per annum to £24,112 per annum depending on qualifications and experience. Working hours will be 37 per week excluding lunch breaks. A generous benefits package is also offered, including a company pension scheme, childcare allowance, free parking, 30 days annual leave plus 10.5 days public and privilege holidays.

This is advertised as a full time post but we will consider applications from those who require more flexible arrangements.



Applications are handled by the RCUK Shared Services Centre; to apply please visit our job board at [http://www.topcareer.jobs/Vacancy/irc242261\\_7375.aspx](http://www.topcareer.jobs/Vacancy/irc242261_7375.aspx) and submit your up-to-date C.V. and covering letter, which clearly outlines why you are applying for this post and how you meet the criteria described in this advertisement. Applicants who would like to receive this advert in an alternative format (e.g. large print, Braille, audio or hard copy), or who are unable to apply online should contact us by telephone on 01793 867003, Please quote reference number IRC242261.

Closing date for receipt of application forms is 10 September 2017.

The Natural Environment Research Council is an equal opportunities employer and welcomes applications from all sections of the community. People with disabilities and those from ethnic minorities are currently under-represented and their applications are particularly welcome. The British Geological Survey is an *Investors in People* organization and has achieved Bronze status for Athena Swan – a scheme that recognizes excellence in women's employment in science, technology, engineering, maths and medicine (STEMM) in UK higher education. There is a guaranteed Interview Scheme for suitable candidates with disabilities.

