



Palynology Laboratory Technician

Working 29.6 hours per week
Based in Keyworth, Nottingham

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. The Survey has a broad portfolio in palaeontology, including projects on biostratigraphy, environmental geoscience, taphonomy, and conventional and unconventional energy. An opportunity has arisen to join the team as a part-time palynology technician in our well-equipped micropalaeontological preparation laboratories based at our headquarters in Keyworth, Nottingham.

Reporting directly to the Laboratory Manager, you will be responsible for preparing organic-walled and calcareous micropalaeontological samples using a diverse range of acid and non-acid protocols and, when required, helping pick micropalaeontology residues using a microscope. As Palynology Lab Technician you will ensure the consistent, high-quality, preparation of samples and be responsible for the day-to-day operation of the facility, including the ordering of consumables and equipment, and the maintenance of health and safety standards. Aside from underpinning key aspects of the Palaeontology Team's portfolio, you will help train students and, where appropriate, be encouraged to develop your own aligned research interests.

You will have at least one year's relevant practical experience of working in a laboratory using chemicals, preferably involving acid treatments and/or processing environmental samples. A first degree in geoscience or a physical science is desirable, but not essential, as full training will be provided. You must be able to demonstrate that you have a methodical approach to work and excellent attention to detail, and will be expected to provide evidence of an ability to meet deadlines and work unsupervised.

Starting salary will be between £18,190 per annum and £19,350 per annum depending on qualifications and experience. Working hours will be 29.6 per week excluding lunch breaks. A generous benefits package is also offered, including a company pension scheme, childcare voucher scheme, free parking, 30 days annual leave plus 10.5 days public and privilege holidays.

Closing date for receipt of application forms is 11 February 2018.

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