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Internship Position –Shannon Callows Curlew Survey

BirdWatch Ireland carries out a range of research, policy and advocacy work focussed on birds, their habitats and wider biodiversity.

BirdWatch Ireland is responsible for undertaking a number of research and monitoring projects at national and regional scales. We are seeking a suitably qualified person to join our Conservation Team as an Intern to provide support to the Shannon Callows Curlew Survey, over a 5month period.

The post is an intern position; no salary is available. The position will operate on a full-time basis (5 days per week Monday to Friday) between April and August, normal hours of work for this position will be 9am – 5pm, however a willingness to be flexible in availability to work, dependant on weather conditions is required. This post will be based at the BirdWatch Ireland Midlands Office in Banagher, Co. Offaly.

The successful applicant would stand to gain experience on survey methodologies for Curlew and other lowland wet grassland breeding waders, the Shannon Callows habitats, bird data management using Excel, and ArcGIS.

In addition, the successful candidate will have the opportunity to gain experience on a broad range of conservation projects, including survey methodologies for other species.

Person Specification

BirdWatch Ireland seeks a suitably qualified person who is highly motivated and has a range of skills and attributes to bring to BirdWatch Ireland's Conservation Team.

Qualifications: the successful candidate will have at least a primary degree or equivalent in environmental, natural sciences or agriculture (ideally with a focus on agri-environment) and will ideally have some relevant voluntary, work placement or work experience.

Knowledge and experience required: applicants should be familiar with Ireland's biodiversity; knowledge of the ecology and factors affecting breeding Curlew, Lapwing, Redshank, and Snipe would be an advantage. As would familiarity with agricultural habitat types and farming systems, and skills in bird surveys. They should have a proven experience of methodical record keeping, be computer proficient and be familiar with Microsoft Excel.

Skills and abilities: Ability to work within the project area (Shannon Callows – Athlone to Portumna and Little Brosna Callows). Ability to work well as part of a team, be accountable to peers and take the lead when appropriate. Be physically fit, and have strong organisational skills. A full driving licence is essential.

Communication skills: applicants should be able to communicate effectively with a wide variety of people, particularly farmers and landowners. The ability to work effectively as part of a team is a key requirement. They should have the ability to analyse and synthesise information and draw on the expertise of staff within BirdWatch Ireland.

Remuneration

This is an intern post; no salary is available. Any costs incurred as part of the post requirements will be covered.

How to apply

Please complete the application form available on the BirdWatch Ireland website (www.birdwatchireland.ie – Jobs – 2017 Seasonal Posts). Please do not send CVs.

Application forms should be sent to mkavanagh@birdwatchireland.ie (please put “Shannon Callows Curlew Survey Intern Support” in the subject box) or by post to BirdWatch Ireland, Unit 20 Block D, Bullford Business Campus, Kilcoole, Co Wicklow.

Closing date for applications: 31 March 2017

Interview Date: 4 April 2017

Expected Start Date: 10 April 2017

Any further queries regarding this post should be directed to Michelle Kavanagh
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