



ASCENSION ISLAND GOVERNMENT

VACANCY NOTICE

CONSERVATION ASSISTANT – PLANT TEAM

About the role

Do you have a passion for conservation and the outdoors? We are looking for someone to take on the role of Conservation Assistant with our Plant Team. You will work with the Conservation Team Leader to protect Ascension's endemic plants through nursery work and practical restoration. This will involve the development of innovative techniques and involvement in research and monitoring activity.

What you'll bring

Educated preferably to at least A-level standard, you'll have studied biology or a related subject, or will have at least two years' relevant vocational experience.

You'll have good experience of biological monitoring methods and of practical conservation practices such as native and endemic plant propagation, nursery work, seed and spore collections, restoration work and invasive species management and control. Experience of working on general conservation issues and contributing to public awareness programmes is important.

You'll be physically fit and enjoy working in outdoors, in a hot and challenging environment.

What's it like to work on Ascension?

Ascension is a small volcanic island, situated in the South Atlantic, with a warm stable climate (26-34°C). We are part of the wider British Overseas Territory of Saint Helena, Ascension and Tristan da Cunha, situated approximately 1,000 miles from the mainland of Africa and 800 miles from our nearest neighbour, the island of St Helena. To thrive here, you must be resilient, adaptable and able to live and work in an incredibly small and diverse island community.

The appointment will be subject to:

- Satisfactory employment references
- Enhanced Criminal Records Check
- Satisfactory Medical Clearance

Closing date: Friday 14 May 2021

Interviews: Week commencing 24 May 2021 (by Skype if off island)

For more information, a full job description, and to apply visit: www.ascension.gov.ac/lifestyle-and-employment/working-here/ If you have any queries about the role, please email recruitment@ascension.gov.ac

What you'll do

You must be resilient and adaptable in order to thrive in what can be a challenging environment. The successful applicant will need to be capable of working autonomously as well as part of the wider Conservation Team to deliver an ambitious programme of practical plant conservation. In addition, you will need to have good interpersonal skills that allow you to work well as a team, lead groups of volunteers and participate in public engagement events.

What we offer

In addition to an annual salary of £8,500 (taxable on Ascension), the role attracts a Single Status contract and the following benefits:

- Rent free accommodation (with Single status electricity and water allowances)
- A Single status food allowance of £3,350 per annum.
- Relocation costs for your personal effects, including the shipment of a vehicle.
- One mid-contract return journey to your country of recruitment.
- A gratuity payable on the successful completion of a 2 year contract.
- 30 days' annual holiday (with additional 9 days public holidays)
- Free primary dental and medical care.