**Specialist work based training placement in zooarchaeology**

**With Historic England**

**Location:** Fort Cumberland, Portsmouth

**Job Type:** Structured work based learning placement (12 months)

**Term of employment:** 12 months from October 2017

**Salary**: £18,000 per annum

**Hours:** 37 per week

**Closing Date for Applications**: 28 August 2017

**Date of Interviews:** 28 September 2017

**The opportunity:** This placement provides a rare opportunity to receive structured work based training in the specialist area of zooarchaeology from highly qualified experts. The placement is hosted by Historic England’s Excavation and Analysis (Environmental Studies) team at Fort Cumberland, and is managed by the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists.

This placement and others like it have been established to address particular areas of skills shortage in the heritage sector, so career prospects for placement holders are excellent. This placement programme is extremely well regarded within the sector for the quality of the training it provides and for the success of former placement holders.

**About us:** Historic England is the public body that looks after England’s historic environment. The Chartered Institute for Archaeologists is the UK’s leading professional body for archaeologists and also has members who specialise in other areas of historic environment work.

**About the placement:** This is a twelve month placement starting at the end of October 2017. The placement offers practical training in essential skills for professional zooarchaeology including in post-excavation processes (assessment, analysis), data syntheses, and communication to various audiences through reports, social media, meetings and oral presentation. The placement holder will have the opportunity to develop skills in collaborative working techniques and practices including the ability to assess significance and value of the zooarchaeological resource effectively. They will also broaden their knowledge of the national zooarchaeological resource.

**About you:** This placement is for you if you have some experience of animal bone (particularly bird and mammal) identification and analysis, through study, work experience or both, but have not had the formal opportunity to develop those skills to a more professional standard.

**The benefits:** You will be paid £18,000 per annum. An employers` pension contribution of 6% of salary will also be made to your pension scheme. You will receive 25 days of paid leave per annum. You will be employed by the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists and seconded to Historic England for the duration.

**How to apply:**

Download the full Job Description and Person Specification for the placement from <http://www.archaeologists.net/learning/placements>.

Send a CV and covering letter clearly describing how you match the placement requirements and how you believe you will benefit from undertaking this placement.

Please email these to admin@archaeologists.net, putting the title of the placement in the subject line of the email.

Closing date for applications is 5pm 28 August 2017

Interviews will be held 28 September 2017.