**Specialist work-based training placement in archaeological aerial investigation and mapping**

**With Historic England**

**Location:** Historic England, The Engine House, Fire Fly Avenue, Swindon, Wiltshire

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

**Term of employment:** 12 months commencing late October 2017

**Salary**: £18,000 per annum

**Hours:** 37 per week

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

**Date of Interviews:** week beginning 2 October

**The opportunity:** This placement is a rare opportunity to receive structured work-based training in the specialist area of archaeological aerial investigation and mapping from highly qualified experts. The placement is hosted by Historic England’s *Historic Places Investigation South & West* team at Swindon, Wiltshire, and is managed by the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists. This placement and others like it were 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 aim of the placement is to develop specialist skills for those interested in working in the historic environment in local or national government, commercial or academic contexts. The placement involves the recognition, interpretation and analysis of archaeological sites mainly using aerial photographs and airborne laser scanning data (lidar). The role includes practical experience of desk based survey of archaeological sites and landscapes, specifically the production of digital archaeological maps, plans, monument descriptions and landscape analysis.

**About you:** This placement is for you if you have some experience of archaeology, through study, work experience or both, but have not had the formal opportunity to develop aerial investigation 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.

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