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**Specialist work based training placement in Archaeobotany**

**with Historic England**

**Location:** Fort Cumberland, Portsmouth

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

**Term of employment:** 12 months from January 2018

**Salary**: £18,000 per annum

**Hours:** 37 per week

**Closing Date for Applications**: Friday 24th November 2017

**Date of Interviews:** Thursday 14th December 2017

**The opportunity:** This placement provides a rare opportunity to receive structured work based training in the specialist area of archaeobotany 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 professional placement offering a training opportunity to develop skills in archaeobotany. This includes the development of skills and experience needed to carry out assessment, analysis and data syntheses of charred and waterlogged plant macroscopic remains from a range of deposits, to a high standard, under pressured time constrains typically associated with contract archaeology. The placement will develop skills in collaborative working techniques and practices including the ability to assess significance and value of the resource, as well as the skills needed for communication to various audiences through reports, social media, meetings and oral presentation.

**About you:** This placement is for you if you have some experience of archaeobotany, through study, work experience or both, but who have not had the opportunity to develop more specialist skills and competencies.

**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:**

1. Download the full Job Description & Person Specification; along with the detailed Training Plan for the placement. This is available from <http://www.archaeologists.net/learning/placements>.
2. Compose a CV and covering letter clearly describing how you match the placement requirements and how you believe you will benefit from undertaking this placement.
3. Please email these to [admin@archaeologists.net](mailto:admin@archaeologists.net), putting the title of the placement in the subject line of the email.

Closing date for applications is 4pm on Friday 24th November 2017

Interviews will be held Thursday 14th December 2017 in Portsmouth

An example of written work on an archaeobotanical subject will be requested prior to interview.