

Fountains Forestry UK Ltd – Mid Year Placement Opportunities

Background Information

Fountains Forestry has been managing woodland in the UK since 1957. We provide expert services in all aspects of forest and associated land management, including acquisition and brokerage of forest and woodland properties.

Fountains Forestry clients include forest owners and investors, both commercial and private individuals, who rely upon our expertise to both acquire and then manage the commercial, operational and environmental aspects of owning a forest.

Today, we are part of the US based F&W Forestry Services Group which globally manages approximately 900,000 hectares (over 2 million acres) of forests and woodland throughout North America, South America, the UK and France.

We are inviting applications from students for two one-year placements for the period of September 2019 to August 2020. The placements will be based in our Inverness and Stirling offices.

Purpose of the Job

The placement will provide you with hands-on experience in managing forestry and woodland creation projects. You will develop a working knowledge in a wide range of woodland management and environmental issues in relation to the delivery of Scottish Government policies and the Scottish Forestry Strategy in compliance with Health & Safety, UK Forestry Standard, UKWAS and environmental requirements.

You will be provided with an individual learning plan and receive support from a designated manager locally and through our Learning & Development Team.

Key Responsibilities

Your role will include, but not be limited to:

- Assisting the forest managers in managing our forest properties, harvesting programmes and replanting works.
- Helping with grant applications including new planting, forest plans and felling licences;
- Supervising harvesting, restocking, new planting and maintenance works.
- Undertaking site inspections to assess stocking densities, pests and diseases, soil surveys
- Developing your skills as a potential forest manager

Key skills, experience and qualifications

You will currently be in further or higher education, studying towards a forestry, environmental or land-based management discipline, and ideally have a working knowledge of Geographic Information Systems (GIS);

You should have map reading skills with the ability to navigate in remote areas, be equipped with good organisational skills, patience and an eye for detail, and ideally have previous experience of forest management operations.

We would expect you to have a full UK driving licence.

For more information and to apply contact Douglas Murray douglas.murray@fountainsforestry.co.uk enclosing a copy of your CV.