

Job Description

Student Placement Agriculture Consultant / Farm Business Management

Job Title: Student Placement Agricultural Consultant - 2 Posts
Company: RSK ADAS Ltd Agriculture and Land Management team
Location: Flexible
(Likely to be Bristol, Wolverhampton, Wigan, Rosemaund Herefordshire or Mansfield)

Job Description

12 month placement with a national consultancy business working across the land, environment and agriculture sectors. Working as part of a team of agricultural consultants to deliver contracts to a wide range of clients including farmers, land owners, agricultural supply chain, utility companies, local and national government and its agencies.

Background to ADAS

ADAS is the leading supplier of independent technical, environmental and business advice to the UK's farmers and growers, land managers and related organisations. We provide a wide range of specialist consultancy services to corporate and private businesses, undertake leading edge research and deliver knowledge transfer and advice programmes on behalf of government and industry organisations.

Purpose of Job: The post holder will support ADAS consultants in delivery of agricultural and farm business consultancy and related technical and environmental management advice to farmers and landowners. The post holder will be expected to contribute to delivery of contracts and development of new business and will also be required to work flexibly within teams and in technical areas of the business. You will work with experienced consultants supporting them in the delivery of a range of services which include:

- Report writing for ADAS clients
- Basic Payment Scheme and Countryside Stewardship advice and applications
- Soil and water engineering advice including land drainage Agricultural land classification
- Farm infrastructure advice including (slurry) storage and design of Biobeds and Pesticide handling systems
- Nutrient planning (PLANET)
- Crop and soil sampling

Depending on your experience and aptitude you will be expected to take responsibility for specific tasks and parts of consultancy work. This will involve being able to follow a project through from commencement to completion. The post will involve some travel away from office base and there will be opportunities to work on projects in other parts of the country. Full driving licence required.

Key Responsibilities

- Support senior consultants in the provision of agricultural, environmental and farm business advice
- Undertake field and work site visits
- Carry out background research, literature reviews and data analysis
- Drafting technical reports
- Use ADAS mapping software and modelling packages
- Accompany lead consultants to client meetings and presentations. Contribute to sales and business development, writing proposals and tenders
- Attend training events and conferences and build both personal and team profile and represent ADAS
- Build internal and external contacts and develop own experience and expertise
- Demonstrate positive thinking and a commercial approach to contracts
- Other duties as requested by manager, including working in other technical areas when required

Attributes Required

ADAS requires its employees to demonstrate energy, responsibility and curiosity, which lead to the delivery of results. In addition to these general attributes applicants will need to demonstrate/ possess the following:

- Willingness to learn and seek assistance when required and ability to work as part of a team and be self-driven
- Good verbal and written communication skills
- Good numerical, research and analytical skills
- Computer literate with the ability to use Microsoft office programs including Word, Excel and PowerPoint
- Full driving licence and own transport
- An understanding of UK agricultural practice and business issues
- An awareness of current challenges facing farmers and land managers in terms of environmental, policy and financial issues
- Flexibility in the range of work undertaken and working pattern.

Car and expenses

- When required to work at locations which require you to stay away from home the company will pay subsistence and accommodation rates within normal company policies.
- Mileage rate of 45p per mile for the use of own vehicle, subject to having the necessary business insurance cover

No Accommodation provided