

**Support Scientist/Research Assistant
(Phytoplankton Ecology)**



£23,773 - £26,783 per annum
Fixed term appointment for 3 years

Closing date 8-2-13

The Scottish Association for Marine Science (SAMS) operates the regulatory monitoring programme for biotoxin producing phytoplankton in Scottish waters under contract from the Food Standards Agency. We are seeking to appoint a new member of the team to contribute (~50% FTE) to both microscope based cell enumeration and the related administration of the programme. The successful candidate will deputise for the programme manager in her absence.

You will also contribute (~50% FTE) to science delivery within the Department of Microbial and Molecular Biology, either at support scientist, or research associate level (depending on experience and qualification).

You will be expected to become involved in a range of projects, so an ability to work independently and good time management will be essential, as is the willingness to participate in boat or shore based field work away from the laboratory.

You will be educated to at least degree level (PhD level for appointment on research grades) in a relevant biological or microbiological discipline.

Ideally you will have experience of microscope based phytoplankton taxonomy and/or the analysis of chemical or micro-biological samples collected from the field or in the laboratory. Experience in preparing scientific reports would also be useful.

For further details, and information on how to apply, go to www.sams.ac.uk and click on "vacancies"

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