

Job opportunities / grants



→ Position for pearl mussel assistant
The Freshwater Biological Association, UK

We are seeking to appoint an enthusiastic self-starter who will assist in the day-to-day operations of the Freshwater Pearl Mussel Ark. Funded for five years as part of the EU LIFE project “R4ever Kent”, the Pearl Mussel Assistant will help the Pearl Mussel Officer and the River Kent Officer with all aspects of mussel breeding and release activities. You will gain a broad range of experience by assisting other members of the team in mussel breeding system building/maintenance, identifying mussel habitat in native rivers, taking place in juvenile mussel release trials, assisting in report writing and compilation of information for engagement activities. This is an excellent opportunity if you are entering in to a career in biodiversity/conservation/ecology.

Deadline for application is **4th May 2022 (17:00h)**.

More information [here](#). To apply: Please send CV and cover letter to info@fba.org.uk.

→ Permanent position on Research Technician ESF (Area of Resources and Ecosystems)
ICRA - Catalan Institute for Water Research, Girona, Spain



The research area of resources and ecosystems has several research projects of experimental nature, involving field and lab works. Furthermore, it has a large-scale experimental facility, the Experimental Streams Facility (ESF), with a series of artificial streams to perform environmental experiments. We require of a research technician to support these works at the research area, mainly those related with the ESF.

We are seeking for a highly motivated person holding a higher degree training cycle (CFGS/FPII) on environmental topics or a degree on physical geography, environmental sciences, biology, chemistry or similar, with a strong interest in experimental works. However, we'll also consider candidates holding a Master. The tasks in the RiE research area will involve:

- Supporting lab works for different ongoing research projects.
- Supporting fieldwork for different ongoing projects.
- Compiling and analysing data.
- Supporting and organizing experiments at the Experimental Streams Facility of ICRA.
- Participate in weekly meetings with the head of the research area...

Deadline for application is **4th May 2022**.

More information [here](#).

→ Tender for evaluation of a citizen science programme
Natural History Museum of London, UK

We are advertising an exciting opportunity for a consultant to work with the Natural History Museum, London, on our Urban Nature Project. The consultant will lead on the evaluation of our ambitious and innovative national community science programme (aka citizen science) from Summer 22-Winter 24. We are passionate about connecting the widest possible audience with nature that can be found on their doorstep and developing young people's own sense of agency to take environmental action.

We are excited to launch a new community science approach for the Museum whereby the research question will be conceived by students and developed with young people. We are interested to learn, among other things, the extent to which audience's awareness of participating in such a programme influences their perception of their own role within the project, their sense of Environmental Science Agency and motivation to take positive environmental action. Please see full details and how to apply in the brief attached.

Deadline for application is **9th May 2022 (09:00h)**.

Any queries, please don't hesitate to get in touch with Laura Davidson on audience@nhm.ac.uk.

Other interesting information

→ **Petition on Free-Flowing Rivers**
fishmigration.org



Convention of Biological Diversity

We have forwarded the petition to the Convention of Biological Diversity (CBD) to be used in the negotiations for the next COP15 (Conference Of the Parties) meeting about global biodiversity, hosted in the 3th quarter of 2022 in China. The CBD recently organized a preparation meeting in Geneva to negotiate the input for this next COP15 meeting. You can find the outcomes of the latest draft of the global framework for nature at [here](#).

What can you do to help!

To influence the next COP15 negotiations and to make sure that freshwater migratory fish, river connectivity and free flowing rivers will become a top global priority we ask you to contact your national CBD contact person. You can forward the results of this petition and explain why you have signed the petition and how your national CBD contact person can make a difference.

Creating awareness on World Fish Migration Day 2022

To enhance the awareness and commitment for migratory fish and healthy rivers in your country we ask you to host an event on the World Fish Migration Day on May 21, 2022. Events can range from outreach events, meetings, educational events, launching reports to hosting webinars. The outcomes of the petition can be used to strengthen WFMD events. The WFMD can be used as an umbrella to show that migratory fish are facing the same problems and that we need to work together to solve these problems, from local to global. The more events organized, the more we can show policy makers around the world that action should be taken! To host an event visit: www.worldfishmigrationday.com



Jóvenes-Jovens AIL meet again!!

After the pandemic, the J-AIL meet again. This time in Vielha to learn about time series analysis. Four days of scientific and personal learning, which allowed us to know each other, interact and have a great days together.



After an exciting and inspiring experience during the inter-meeting course, some ideas arose during the J-AIL assembly. Below a brief summary of the main points that are already being studied or will be organized in future steps:

- Next **intermeeting courses**, trying to organize 1 per year. There is already a proposal for the next intermeeting course.
- More **workshops** will also be organized (both on-line and in-person), focused on writing in English; modelling in R; poster's design...
- A **Slack** has been created to share information to create a network between the J-AIL under different spaces. Anyone interested in joining the Slack channel, please contact jovenesail@gmail.com.
- A **WhatsApp group** has also been created to interact directly among the J-AIL, to warn, ask or answer questions about grants, awards, positions, funding options, stays, etc. And also, to meet more frequently. Soon the information to join the group will be sent.
- A single document (shared with google sheet or slack) will be created with a list of all pre/postdoc grants.
- An **AIL-network** is pretended to be created to increase the activity between Portugal and Spain. Ideas about how to reinforce this network (e.g., by creating grants for stays in the AIL-network centre) to reinforce it are arisen.
- A **Monitoring club** is pretended to be created. There, early careers will have a "godmother / godfather" or a tutor out of the official academic life, that could help them with analysis, mentoring, motivation...
- Organize **working groups or commissions** with volunteers, to carry out the different activities developed by the J-AIL (intermeeting course and workshops, monitoring group, feedbacks...).

J-AIL in AIL-SIBECOL Aveiro 2022

For the next AIL-SIBECOL meeting in Aveiro, we (J-AIL) are preparing several activities to meet each other, interact, and create a network to collaborate and have fun:

- Workshop: **How to attract funding: opportunities for ecologists.**
- **"Mixer"** an informal meeting in a pub to meet everyone, drink something and be relaxed together, make scientific friends and establish future collaborations, who knows?
- New merchandising.
- J-AIL games (soon more information)...

Anyone interested in helping to organize any of these activities, please contact jovenesail@gmail.com.

Do you want to join us? We have an appointment pending in Aveiro!

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