

Job description - Senior landscape architect (PB4)

Job summary

Join us as a Senior Landscape Architect and help shape the future of England's forests and visitor hubs. You'll be part of a high-performing national team delivering projects that make a real difference—creating beautiful, inclusive spaces for people and nature.

Help us deliver one of Forestry England's significant national projects—creating inclusive, co-designed green spaces for reflection and wellbeing across England's forests.

In this role, you'll:

- Lead and support exciting landscape projects, including involvement in high-profile national programmes.
- Bring creativity and technical expertise to improve visitor experiences and green spaces across the country.
- Manage your own workstreams within a complex programme, working at pace to meet tight deadlines.
- Collaborate with talented colleagues and partners to turn ideas into reality.

Our team has delivered projects like Delamere Visitor Centre, Whinlatter WOW trail, inclusive play spaces at Sherwood Pines and Westonbirt Arboretum, and community woodland designs. This is your chance to combine your skills as a landscape architect with our purpose – creating landscapes that matter.

Please see the job description below for more information and details about what we need from you, specifically on essential professional and technical experience.

Key responsibilities & accountabilities

- Work on complex landscape design projects and lead meetings of a detailed or sensitive nature.
- Support the team's principal landscape architects in workload planning, change management and mentoring while keeping track of your own workload and support tasks.
- Use standard organisational processes and procedures to resolve complex problems.
- Responsible for the set-up and scope of individual projects, generating creative solutions from concept design through to detailed design.
- Instigate, input and review from peers and experts, putting forward options and recommendations for work based on research and analysis.
- Contribute significantly to internal client relations.
- Monitor project interdependencies and key relationships.
- Prepare and deliver internal and external visual and written communications and presentations.
- Support the wellbeing of team members with whom there is a direct working relationship.
- Guide and brief less experienced members of the team in project work.
- Coordinate project work with other team members, meeting project delivery and deadlines.
- Contribute to project planning and prioritisation.
- May have line management responsibilities.

And any other tasks, reasonably requested by your line manager.

Location-Specific Information (optional)

The role will be based in a north or centrally located Forestry England office with flexibility for blended working (with the ability to commute to the local Forestry England office regularly).

There will be a need for travel in this role, with occasional overnight stays necessary.

Please be aware that this role can only be worked in the UK and not overseas.

Skills, knowledge & experience

Essential professional and technical experience

- Fully qualified Chartered Landscape Architect (CMLI) with a post-graduate diploma or masters in Landscape Architecture.
- Extensive relevant work experience as a practising landscape architect at post-graduate level.
- Technically competent with the ability to work independently and advise other team members in area of expertise.
- Experience of working on multiple landscape design projects at the same time and balancing workloads.
- Experience and proficiency with AutoCAD and Adobe Creative Suite.
- Experience working on the landscape design of public outdoor or recreation facilities.
- Competent IT user with experience in MS Office suite of applications and other relevant software such as SketchUp.

Desirable professional and technical experience

- Practical experience of design and management for recreation, woodland management and forestry, including for accessible and inclusive design.
- Experience in Global Information Systems (GIS).

Qualifications

Essential

- Fully qualified Chartered Landscape Architect (CMLI)

Desirable

- A full UK driving licence.

Experience

- 200 word statement on relevant experience and a full career history
- 500 word personal statement
- 150 word answer to a question to prove you have the essential skills for the job
- Questions will be asked on professional and technical experience and at interview

Technical

- Work sample - a short portfolio presentation during interview. The subject of the presentation will be emailed to candidates who are invited to interview.

Behaviours

- Making effective decisions
- Delivering at pace
- Managing a quality service