

Research Associate â The Behavioural Ecology Group (Fixed Term)

Department of Zoology

£28,695-£37,394

This position, based in central Cambridge at the Department of Zoology, University of Cambridge, is available for up to 28 months with a start date of 1 July 2015 to work with Prof Rebecca Kilner and her team. The project is funded by a European Research Council grant and will investigate whether parental care can drive evolutionary change.

Website

microphorus.zoo.cam.ac.uk

Duties will include:

Running a large-scale selection experiment
Running or supervising complementary experiments in the lab or field
Assisting in monitoring of beetle numbers at local field sites
Collection and analysis of microsatellite data (or similar)
Data collection, analysis and interpretation
Preparation of manuscripts for publication

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE FOR THE ROLE

Essential:

A PhD in evolutionary ecology or behavioural ecology or entomology or closely related subjects
Background knowledge (e.g. from degree course) of research methods and theory in behavioural ecology and evolutionary biology
Ability to organise time, plan ahead and to work effectively independently.
Good data handling and data analysis skills.
Good communication skills (written and oral).
Ability to work in a team and strong inter-personal skills.

Desirable:

Some post-doctoral experience
Any relevant laboratory experience, particularly in carrying out selection experiments or

experimental evolution Experience in collecting and analysing microsatellite data (or similar)
Experience of fieldwork with insects.
Background knowledge (e.g. from degree course) of entomology or microbiology Interest in natural history.
Some experience of managing others.

Deadline: 5pm Thursday 5 March 2015

Interview date: during week beginning 23 March 2015

Fixed-term: The funds for this post are available for up to 28 months.

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