



UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS

CANDIDATE BRIEF

Nature Recovery Project Manager, Faculty of Environment



Reference: ENVEE1806

We are open to discussing flexible working arrangements

Nature Recovery Project Manager

School of Earth and Environment, Faculty of Environment

Are you capable of leading and managing complex landscape-scale nature recovery projects? Do you want to play a key role in scaling up nature recovery across Northern England?

The University of Leeds is working together with a diverse range of partners to deliver community-led and evidence-based nature recovery across Northern England. Existing projects include the Upper Duddon Landscape Recovery, Restoring Hardknott Forest and Nature Rich Miterdale projects in Cumbria, along with the Wild Ingleborough, Snaizholme and Gair Wood projects in Yorkshire. Partners include the National Trust, Woodland Trust, White Rose Forest, Yorkshire Wildlife Trust, WWF, Forestry England, UBoC, the University of Cumbria and Natural England. Alongside delivery of the projects, University of Leeds staff and students are actively monitoring the ecological, environmental and social impacts of restoration across these sites, with a view to informing policy and practice.

As the Nature Recovery Project Manager you will be responsible for leading the University of Leeds' contribution and building partnerships to help deliver this range of complex projects. You will initiate and help secure funding for new landscape-scale projects across Northern England. You will lead on knowledge exchange between, and beyond, the projects to share learning and encourage best practice. You will have in-depth knowledge and experience of landscape-scale ecological restoration projects. You will have a passion for nature and an ambition to work to accelerate nature recovery in the UK. You will be a highly organised individual with project management experience and ability to work under your own initiative.

This is a full time position based in Northern England with a mix of home working and work across project sites.

What does the role entail?

As the Nature Recovery Project Manager, your main duties will include:

- Leading a team of staff and volunteers delivering complex, multi-partner projects;



- Initiating new landscape-scale nature restoration projects including developing new partnerships;
- Working with a team of colleagues to identify and secure funding including Defra Landscape Recovery funding;
- Maintaining and building relationships with a range of stakeholders including farmers, private landowners, researchers, project partners and volunteers;
- Financial management including managing project budgets;
- Working with other project staff and partners to deliver habitat restoration, land management, scientific monitoring, public engagement, access and education;
- Communicating the outputs of the work through reports and project meetings as appropriate;
- Attending training events and visits to similar projects;
- Maintaining your own continuing professional development.

These duties provide a framework for the role and should not be regarded as a definitive list. Other reasonable duties may be required consistent with the grade of the post.

What will you bring to the role?

As a Project Manager, you will have:

- Proven track record of managing and delivering large-scale ecological restoration projects;
- Proven track record of preparing successful funding applications;
- Experience of working in partnership with a diverse range of stakeholders including landowners, farmers, volunteers and community groups;
- Experience and knowledge of ecological restoration in an upland UK landscape;
- Knowledge of GIS and experience of using mapping software within environmental projects;
- Passion for environmental issues, in particular nature recovery and ecological restoration;
- Strong communication skills;
- The ability to work on own initiative to organise, prioritise and plan work independently and effectively to meet tight deadlines;
- A full UK driving licence and access to a vehicle;
- Ability and willingness to work across Northern England.



You may also have:

- An Outdoor First Aid qualification;

How to apply

You can apply for this role online; more guidance can be found on our [How to Apply](#) information page. Applications should be submitted by **23.59** (UK time) on the advertised closing date.

Please note: If you are not a British or Irish citizen, from 1 January 2021 you will require permission to work in the UK. This will normally be in the form of a visa but, if you are an EEA/Swiss citizen and resident in the UK before 31 December 2020, this may be your passport or status under the EU Settlement Scheme.



Contact information

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Additional information

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Find out more about the [Faculty of Environment](#)

Find out more about our [Research and associated facilities](#).

Find out more about [equality](#) in the Faculty.

A diverse workforce

As an international research-intensive university, we welcome students and staff from all walks of life and from across the world. We foster an inclusive environment where all can flourish and prosper, and we are proud of our strong commitment to student education. Within the Faculty of Environment we are dedicated to diversifying our community and we welcome the unique contributions that individuals can bring, and particularly encourage applications from, but not limited to Black, Asian and ethnically diverse people; people who identify as LGBT+; and people with disabilities. Candidates will always be selected based on merit and ability.

The Faculty of Environment has received a prestigious Athena SWAN silver award from [Advance HE](#), the national body that promotes equality in the higher education sector. This award represents the combined efforts of all schools in the Faculty and shows the positive actions we have taken to ensure that our policies, processes and ethos all promote an equal and inclusive environment for work and study.

Working at Leeds

We are a campus based community and regular interaction with campus is an expectation of all roles in line with academic and service needs and the requirements



of the role. We are also open to discussing flexible working arrangements. To find out more about the benefits of working at the University and what it is like to live and work in the Leeds area visit our [Working at Leeds](#) information page.

Candidates with disabilities

Information for candidates with disabilities, impairments or health conditions, including requesting alternative formats, can be found on our [Accessibility](#) information page or by getting in touch with us at disclosure@leeds.ac.uk.

Criminal record information

Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974

A criminal record check is not required for this position, however, all applicants will be required to declare if they have any 'unspent' criminal offences, including those pending.

Any offer of appointment will be in accordance with our Criminal Records policy. You can find out more about required checks and declarations in our [Criminal Records](#) information page.

