



The Loughs Agency is a statutory body charged with the responsibility for the conservation, protection and development of inland fisheries, aquaculture and the promotion and development of angling and marine tourism in the Foyle and Carlingford Areas.

**The Loughs Agency is seeking to appoint the following posts:**

**ASSISTANT SCIENTIFIC OFFICER**

**Salary Scale: £20,692 to £22,739**

**3x posts available**

**Temporary (varying durations: 4-7 months)**

**Purpose of the Role**

Assistant Scientific Officers are responsible to their designated Higher Scientific Officer for carrying out a range of scientific, monitoring and other duties relating to shellfish stock assessments and shellfish reproductive analysis studies, water quality monitoring or fisheries stock monitoring. The Assistant Scientific Officer may also be required to undertake other duties in other areas of responsibility within the Foyle / Carlingford Areas or adjoining areas as directed by their Higher Scientific Officer or respective Director. The ASO will also deliver reports to the Senior Biologist, the Director of Aquaculture and the CEO of the Loughs Agency when required.

**Essential Criteria**

- 5 GCSEs (Grade A-C) or equivalent including Mathematics, English Language and one Science subject; and
- 6 Months work experience to include **a minimum of two** of these areas:
  - Fisheries;
  - Laboratory;
  - Fieldwork;
  - Working in the freshwater environment;
  - Electrofishing survey;
  - Working in the marine environment, and
- Must be able to demonstrate the ability to keep and maintain records, note books and compile all necessary reports; and
- Candidates must hold a full current driving licence (with not more than 6 penalty points) held for a minimum of two years.

**Desirable Criteria**

- In the first instance - A degree, or working towards a degree in Fishery Science, Environmental Science, Marine Science, Biological Sciences, Environmental Management or another related subject.
- In the second instance – 1 years' work experience to include any, or a combination, of these areas;
  - Fisheries data analysis;
  - Invasive species monitoring;
  - River habitat improvements;
  - Barriers to fish migration survey;
  - Freshwater fish survey netting;
  - Water quality Monitoring;
  - Working on monitoring / research boats in the marine environment;
  - Working on an Aquaculture or Shellfish monitoring projects.

Experience can be gained through work or the completion of 3rd level courses.

Application forms and further details of the duties and qualifications for the post are downloadable at <http://www.loughs-agency.org/careers/> Any queries regarding this opportunity may be directed to:-

**The Human Resources Officer, Loughs Agency, 22 Victoria Road,  
Derry~Londonderry, BT47 2AB.  
Telephone (028) 71 342100  
(048 from Ireland).**

**Email [careers@loughs-agency.org](mailto:careers@loughs-agency.org)**

Completed application forms must be returned to arrive **not later than 3pm on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2019.**  
The Agency reserves the right to interview only those candidates who from their application, appear to be the most suitable.

**Loughs Agency is committed to equality of opportunity and welcomes applications from suitably qualified people irrespective of religious belief, gender, disability, race, political opinion, age, marital status, sexual orientation, or whether or not they have dependants. [www.loughs-agency.org](http://www.loughs-agency.org)**