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School of Biological, Earth and Environmental Sciences

VACANCY
RESEARCH ASSISTANT – HEN HARRIER PROJECT
UNIVERSITY COLLEGE CORK

Project supervisor: Prof. John O'Halloran

The School of Biological, Earth & Environmental Sciences at University College Cork is looking to recruit seasonal Research Assistants to collect data on breeding Hen Harriers (*Circus cyaneus*), their predators and their prey, during the late spring and summer of 2018. ***Both full and part time positions are available.***

The main requirements of this job will be to monitor Hen Harriers, conduct bird surveys (small passerine and corvid surveys) and small mammal trapping to provide information for a research study looking at the impact of forestry management practices on Hen Harriers in Ireland (<https://www.ucc.ie/en/forestecology/research/shine>). The candidates will be expected to work equally well on their own and as part of a well-established team of researchers at UCC to collect scientific data while avoiding disturbance to these birds. Regular fieldwork updates and occasional contributions to reports produced by this research group will also be a requirement.

The candidate must have a full, clean driving license. Previous ornithological research experience and excellent bird identification skills are essential, and experience in fieldwork on birds in upland areas, and particularly Hen Harriers, would be an advantage. Experience with data collection and entry, together with a working knowledge of Microsoft Excel are essential. Candidates must have a demonstrated ability to undertake fieldwork in remote areas and to work in an organised manner.

Fieldwork will be physically demanding and will take place throughout the island of Ireland. Travel, accommodation and subsistence will be covered by the project.

Remuneration: Research Assistant rate is €21,674p.a., which will be paid *pro rata*.

Application: To apply please send a CV and accompanying letter of application to Sandra Irwin, at s.irwin@ucc.ie. Informal enquiries can also be made to this email address or to 021 4904595.

Deadline for applications: Friday 6th April 2018.