

Geochemical Extractions Technician

Salary: Grade 5 (£27,644 – £31,637 p.a. depending on experience)

We are open to discussing flexible working arrangements.

Are you enthusiastic, well organised, and versatile, with a strong work ethic? Do you have experience in working in a geochemistry facility, and want to use your skills and experience to support our geochemical extractions laboratory? Do you have the drive to deliver an excellent service to our academic staff, students and researchers?

We are looking for an experienced geochemistry technician to provide skilled technical support to our research laboratories. Working within our Cohen laboratories, School of Earth and Environment, you will provide a comprehensive technical service in geochemical extractions and the analyses of solutions, supporting major research stakeholders within the Faculty of Environment

You will be responsible for the operation of geochemical facilities within the facility and supervise staff and students in their use, ensuring critical health and safety practices and procedures are followed and maintained. You will have proven geochemical extraction experience and be familiar with standard analysis instrumentation (such as spectroscopy and spectrophotometry techniques), along with a good understanding of current health and safety practices in this space. You will provide support, such as aiding data interpretation, to staff and postgraduates alongside obtaining high-quality research data to accurate and reproducible standards.

With flexibility and depth of knowledge, you will liaise with academic stakeholders to support novel method development. You will also be responsible for maintaining equipment and stocks of chemicals and consumables and overseeing safe working practices within the facility. You will be responsible for training visitors in relevant techniques. In addition, you will produce standard operating procedures (SOPs), risk assessments and other documentation as required.

You will have a degree in a relevant subject or discipline together with experience working within a geochemical laboratory. You will have good organisational and communication skills, and the ability to work on your own initiative and as part of a team.

Please note that due to Home Office visa requirements, this role may only be suitable for first-time Skilled Worker visa applicants if they are eligible for salary concessions. For more information please visit: www.gov.uk/skilled-worker-visa

What we offer in return

- 26 days holiday plus approx. 16 Bank Holidays/days that the University is closed by custom (including Christmas) – That's 42 days a year!
- Generous pension scheme options plus life assurance
- Health and Wellbeing: Discounted staff membership options at The Edge, our state-of-the-art Campus gym, with a pool, sauna, climbing wall, cycle circuit, and sports halls.
- Personal Development: Access to courses run by our Organisational Development & Professional Learning team.
- Access to on-site childcare, shopping discounts and travel schemes are also available.

And much more!

To explore the post further or for any queries you may have, please contact:

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