



**British Geological Survey**  
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## **POST DOCTORAL RESEARCH ASSOCIATE POSITION Rock Physicist**

The British Geological Survey is one of the world's leading and forward thinking geological science institutes with a focus on both public good science for government and geoscientific research to understand earth and environmental processes. We are offering a 3 year post-doctoral research position, working within the Natural Environment Research Council (NERC) Research Associate Training Programme.

BGS staff typically work in teams on a range of projects supporting a broad spectrum of scientific objectives from "blue-skies" research to highly focussed commercial contracts. The varied nature of the work programme, which includes opportunities to undertake personal research and to publish or present at international conferences, is highly valued, as is BGS's commitment to training and developing its staff.

As a Rock Physicist Research Associate you will contribute to engineering geological and physical property projects on rocks in the BGS scientific programmes in the UK and overseas. You will contribute to leading the development of BGS's research into the engineering geological and physical properties of UK rock in a range of BGS projects together with contributing to reports, scientific papers and web knowledge dissemination.

You should be educated to 2:1 in a relevant degree and have an MSc/PhD in a rock physics, geomechanics or rock mechanics discipline. In addition you must possess excellent project management, people and communication skills, both oral and written. The post involves team working, therefore you should be able to work effectively with others.

### **Salary and Conditions:**

Starting salary will be £26,450 per annum (pay award pending). A resettlement award will be given at the end of the training contract. A detailed training programme will be agreed. Working hours will be 37 per week excluding lunch breaks. A generous benefits package is also offered, including a company pension scheme, childcare voucher scheme, 30 days annual leave plus 10.5 days public and privilege holidays. Consideration will be given to offering a permanent employment contract at the end of the training contract.

Applications are handled by the RCUK Shared Services Centre; to apply please visit our job board at [http://www.topcareer.jobs/Vacancy/irc111213\\_3616.aspx](http://www.topcareer.jobs/Vacancy/irc111213_3616.aspx) and submit your up-to-date C.V. and covering letter, which clearly outlines why you are applying for this post and how you meet the criteria described in this advertisement. Applicants who would like to receive this advert in an alternative format (e.g. large print, Braille, audio or hard copy), or who are unable to apply online should contact us by telephone on 01793 867003, Please quote reference number IRC111213.

Closing date for receipt of application forms is 4 October 2013.

The Natural Environment Research Council is an equal opportunities employer and welcomes applications from all sections of the community. People with disabilities and those from ethnic minorities are currently under-represented and their applications are particularly welcome. The British Geological Survey is an *Investors in People* organisation. There is a guaranteed Interview Scheme for suitable candidates with disabilities.