

## **Marine Scotland – Marine Planning and Policy Placement (Based in Edinburgh)**

Marine Scotland, Marine Planning and Policy Division invites existing researchers to apply for placements of up to twelve months to work with the Marine Offshore Renewable Energy (MORE) Policy Team in Victoria Quay Edinburgh . under the NERC-funded Innovation Placements Directed Call 2017 . The placement is expected to spend between 80% and 100% of their time embedded in the organisation and will spend this allocated time in the Marine Scotland Marine Planning and Policy offices in Victoria Quay Edinburgh. Marine Scotland is able to offer flexible working arrangements to work in our offices in Aberdeen, Glasgow or Edinburgh and this can be discussed with individual applicants if required. The placement should be completed by 30 April 2019, if not before. Expected start date is November 1, 2017.

The primary purpose of the placement is to support the development of a marine plan for floating offshore wind and contribute to the work being undertaken by the Scottish Offshore Renewable Research Framework (SpORRAn).

The successful applicant will be involved in a range of activities and tasks which may include:

- a) Work collaboratively with Scottish Government Colleagues in Marine Scotland Science Renewable Energy Programme (see below) and other relevant colleagues E.g. in Marine Scotland Licensing and Operations Team (MSLOT) and the Energy Division.
- b) Liaise with and collate the views of stakeholders on the development of the early scoping stages for a floating offshore wind plan.
- c) Liaise with Carbon Trust contacts on work they are progressing on floating offshore wind licencing constraints.
- d) Review demonstrator offshore wind applications Environmental Impact Assessments highlighting any key knowledge gaps / uncertainties.
- e) Work with each of the co-ordinations of the SpORRAn specialist Research Groups, SpORRAn group members and industry to ensure that evidence gaps relating to floating offshore wind are included in the SpORRAn evidence maps.
- f) Highlight to funding organisations the key areas where research effort is required to address uncertainties in relation to floating offshore wind.
- g) Produce a specification to deliver a scientific scoping study for the identification of initial areas of search to support an offshore wind plan and contribute to the project management of the study.

- h) Produce a specification to deliver strategic assessment (Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA), scoping Habitats Regulations Appraisal (sHRA), and Social & Economic Impact Assessments) scoping studies to inform the plan development and contribute to project management of the study.
- i) Produce a specification to deliver draft Regional Locational Guidance detailing existing social, economic and environmental information following the delivery of the scientific scoping study.

**Key outputs:**

1. Review of Floating Offshore Wind Research requirements
2. Scoping Study for floating offshore wind.
3. Scoping Strategic Assessments.
4. Draft Regional Locational Guidance.

**About Marine Scotland Marine Planning and Policy**

Marine Scotland (MS) is the lead marine management organisation in Scotland. It was established on 1st April 2009 as a Directorate of the Scottish Government (SG), to integrate core marine functions involving scientific research, compliance monitoring, policy and management of Scotland's seas. Marine Scotland supports the Scottish Government's vision of having marine and coastal environments which are clean, healthy, safe, productive and biologically diverse. Marine Scotland is the statutory planning authority for marine developments in Scottish marine waters, and, through Ministers, is also marine licensing and regulating authority in Scotland.

The Marine Planning and Policy Division is made up of five teams, Marine Planning, Marine Offshore Renewable Energy, Marine Environment, Marine Licencing and Operations Team, and the Crown Estate Strategy Unit.

The division is responsible for:

- Implementing marine planning system at a national and regional levels.
- Supporting and licensing the marine renewables industry.
- Conservation of the marine environment.
- Leading the devolution and future management of the Crown Estate in Scotland.

This post will work will be based in the Marine Offshore Renewables Team and also work closely with the Marine Planning Team.

For further information prospective applicants are encouraged to look at:

- Blue Seas Green Energy: A Sectoral Marine Plan for Offshore Wind Energy in Scottish Territorial Waters.  
<http://www.gov.scot/Topics/marine/marineenergy/wind>  
<http://www.gov.scot/Topics/marine/marineenergy/Planning>

- Regional Locational Guidance (RLG) to facilitate the development of offshore wind energy Scottish Waters.  
<http://www.gov.scot/Topics/marine/marineenergy/Planning/windrlg>
- Draft Sectoral Plans for Wind, Wave and Tidal Energy  
<http://www.gov.scot/Publications/2013/07/8702>
- Scottish Offshore Renewables Framework (SpORRAn)  
<http://www.gov.scot/Topics/marine/marineenergy/mre/research>

### **About Marine Scotland – Marine Renewables and Energy Programme**

Marine Scotland Science (MSS, formerly Fisheries Research Services) is the scientific research and advisory division of Marine Scotland. MSS provides expert scientific, economic and technical advice and services on marine and freshwater fisheries, aquaculture, and the aquatic environment and its flora and fauna, in support of the policies and regulatory activities of the Scottish Government operating through MS. The Renewables and Energy Programme gives scientific support to policy development and licensing of energy production from renewable sources in Scottish waters, and to advise on environmental aspects of the offshore oil and gas industries.

### **Impact and Support**

Marine Scotland Marine Planning and Policy will provide the placement with experience of the policy environment, how science feeds into policy decision making and experience of marine planning. The placement will make a significant contribution supporting the development of the floating offshore wind sector in Scotland.

MSS will provide office accommodation, access to library and IT systems, training and personal development opportunities as will be necessary to undertake the work. Marine Scotland staff will support the placement during their time in Edinburgh and will facilitate knowledge transfer to support the aims of the project.

### **Training and Development Opportunities**

Marine Scotland will provide the candidate training and development opportunities to expand their knowledge and skills, these opportunities can be tailored to individual ambitions but are likely to include :

- Induction to Marine Scotland and meet and greet with key staff members.
- Attendance at Industry conferences and Events.
- Presentation of work as part of the Marine Scotland Seminar Series.
- Presentations at relevant stakeholder engagement meetings / steering groups.
- Access to Scottish Government e-learning system and Civil Service learning courses.
- Scottish Government data base management training.
- Making a Personal Impact training course.
- Social Media for Government training.
- Introduction to Policy Making – Advances around Policy Theory Course.
- Parliamentary Visit and meeting with Special Advisors.

## Application Process

Please follow the application process outlined in the Announcement of Opportunity call for paid innovation placements and supporting JeS guidance. The outline of the project is provided for this placement so please use the space on the application to provide some ideas of how you could address and add value to this project and the particular skills and experience that you could bring to this work.

A **Letter of Support is required** from Marine Scotland. Applicants who apply for this opportunity can also apply for other placements in this call.

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