



Student Placement – Agricultural Consultant

Job title: Student Placement – Agricultural Consultant
Company: RSK ADAS Ltd Agriculture and Land Management (ALM) team
Location: Flexible (likely to be Bristol, Wolverhampton, Leeds, Hereford or Mansfield)

ADAS ALM, a member of RSK Group Ltd, is looking to recruit **motivated and ambitious** students to complete a 12-month placement. We are a **leading national consultancy** business working across the land, environment and agriculture sectors. Working as part of a **team of agricultural consultants**, you will gain experience across a **variety of consultancy services** and be involved in delivering contracts to a wide range of clients including farmers, landowners, agricultural supply chain, utility companies, local and national government and its agencies.

Successful applicants will support ADAS consultants in delivery of agricultural and farm business consultancy and related technical and environmental management advice to farmers and landowners. You will be expected to contribute to delivery of contracts and will also be required to work flexibly within teams and in technical areas of the business. You will also work with experienced consultants supporting them in the delivery of a range of services which include:

- Report writing for ADAS clients
- Farm business management and Agri-Environment advice & applications
- Farm infrastructure advice including slurry storage and design of biobeds/pesticide handling systems
- Agricultural engineering and mechanisation advice
- Nutrient planning and soil husbandry
- Biodiversity and carbon auditing
- Crop and soil sampling

Depending on your experience and aptitude you will be expected to take responsibility for specific tasks and parts of consultancy work. This will involve being able to follow a project through from commencement to completion. The post will involve some travel away from office base, including overnight stays, and there will be opportunities to work on projects in other parts of the country. A full driving licence is required with access to your own vehicle.

We are committed to providing a friendly and supporting working environment for our staff, with training and career opportunities for all. You will benefit from a dedicated management team who will ensure you get the most out of this opportunity. But don't just take our word for the fact that we think we're great...here's what one of our last year's placement students had to say about us:

“ADAS presents hugely exciting opportunities for placement students to expand their industry knowledge and develop their skills across a plethora of agricultural topics. The Agricultural Land Management Team boasts a friendly and highly supportive network of committed individuals who are entirely invested in your development.”

Georgina Harrison, Harper Adams

Key responsibilities

- Support senior consultants in the provision of agricultural, environmental and farm business advice
- Undertake field and work site visits
- Carry out background research, literature reviews and data analysis
- Draft technical reports
- Use ADAS mapping software and modelling packages
- Accompany lead consultants to client meetings and presentations. Contribute to sales and business development, writing proposals and tenders
- Attend training events and conferences and build both personal and team profile and represent ADAS
- Build internal and external contacts and develop own experience and expertise
- Demonstrate positive thinking and a commercial approach to contracts
- Other duties as requested by manager, including working in other technical areas when required

Attributes required

- Willingness to learn, seeking assistance when required, working as part of a team and be self-driven
- Good verbal and written communication skills
- Good numerical, research and analytical skills
- Computer literate and familiar with Microsoft office programs including Word, Excel and PowerPoint
- An understanding of UK agricultural practice and business issues
- An awareness of current challenges facing farmers and land managers in terms of environmental, policy and financial issues
- Flexibility in the range of work undertaken and working pattern
- Full driving licence and own transport

Car and expenses

- When required to work at locations which require you to stay away from home the company will pay subsistence and accommodation rates within normal company policies
- Mileage rate of 45p per mile for the use of own vehicle, subject to having the necessary business insurance cover

No accommodation will be provided

Additional benefits

- A wide range of training opportunities available
- A benefits programme which includes discounted gym membership and staff discount scheme
- Healthcash plan and access to mental health support
- Contributory Pension Scheme