



**British
Antarctic Survey**

NATURAL ENVIRONMENT RESEARCH COUNCIL

Communications Officer – Antarctica

Contract type: Antarctic Contract

Duration: Antarctic Summer (Up to 6 months)

Salary: £23,937 per annum initially. Additionally, upon completion of a successful tour, you will receive a 10% bonus on your Antarctic Service.

Benefits: We offer generous benefits

Team: Antarctic employment pool team

Location: Antarctica

Description

The British Antarctic Survey is looking for Communication Officers to join their Antarctic based teams. The communications officers is a vital role within our Antarctic team as they provide the communications service to field operations and operations on station.

The post holder for this role must have the ability to communicate clearly and concisely, both in person and over radio and satellite communications systems. They need to remain calm and accurate under pressure, maintain good situational awareness, and remain vigilant for any safety issues that may arise.

Purpose

Communications officers provide a communications service to field operations and operations on station.

Working as part of the tower operations team they provide an accurate and effective flow of information to ensure the safety and efficiency of BAS field and station operations.

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During the summer season the operations tower runs 7 days a week, and work is dictated by weather and operational tempo. Work is on a shift pattern and may require working antisocial hours.

Duties

- Passing and receiving messages and weather information.
- Aircraft flight following.
- Scheduled calls with Field parties.

- Initial response to Major Incidents, receiving distress or Mayday calls.
- Support to station operations, small boats, vehicles etc.
- Submitting flight plans using AFTN/AFPEX system.
- Operating VHF/HF radios and satellite phone systems
- To assist in other duties as required by the Director of BAS.

We welcome applications from all sections of the community. People from ethnic minorities and disabled people are currently under-represented and their applications are particularly welcome. We operate a guaranteed interview scheme for disabled candidates who meet the minimum criteria for the job role.

You will need to be physically capable and medically fit to work in Antarctic conditions.

Skills Specification

Skills are listed as either Essential or Desirable. Desirable skills importance rating in parenthesis (1 is high, 5 is low)

Communication skills - a) oral skills b) written skills

- Good spoken and written English. - Essential
- Spoken and written Spanish - Desirable [3]

Computer / IT skills

- General use of office packages. - Essential
- Ability to learn specialist software. - Essential
- Knowledge of GIS software. - Desirable [3]

Decision Making

- Ability to prioritise tasks. - Essential
- Calm under pressure. - Essential

Interpersonal skills

- Able to work as part of small team working under pressure. - Essential

Numerical ability

- Basic numeracy. - Essential

Skills / Experience

- HF/VHF Radio Operation. - Essential
- Prior experience of BAS or other Polar operations. - Desirable [3]
- Experience of aircraft flight following (AGRO, FISS, ATC or similar). - Desirable [3]
- Experience in similar field, emergency services dispatcher, etc. - Desirable [3]