

Chartered Fellows' Newsletter 22

Chartership Officer

The Geological Society promotes and implements the adoption of professional standards in the geosciences, principally by awarding Chartered status (CGeol and CSci). Chartership demonstrates that an individual is regarded by his/her peers as competent to practice within their chosen field. The Society's Chartership Officer plays a pivotal role in promoting and developing Chartership, facilitating the accreditation process, and responding to enquiries. The Society seeks to appoint a Chartership Officer due to the retirement of the current post-holder.

The successful candidate will need to demonstrate a range of skills, competencies and abilities. S/he will be an earth sciences graduate committed to the Society's objectives in service of science, fellowship and society. S/he will be a Chartered Geologist or Chartered Scientist, preferably with experience of working as a Chartership Scrutineer. Ideally s/he will be able to demonstrate commitment to Chartered status within the Profession through leadership experience, for example, at the interface between the profession, other professional bodies and non-geologists.

The location is not fixed though frequent visits to the Society's offices at Burlington House, London and other mainly UK locations are required. The post is part-time. The Geological Society is committed to diversity, equal opportunities and inclusion in the work place, and the successful applicant will be expected to embrace and contribute to this environment.

The closing date for applications is 5th October 2018. For further information see www.geolsoc.org.uk/chartershipofficer.

Scrutineer Events

In the previous Newsletter it was advertised that short 'training' events are planned for Burlington House on 20th September, Birmingham on 27th September and Manchester on 4th October. These are scheduled to start at 18.00 and run till 20.00. They are to be designed to act as a refresher for Scrutineers and to gain information from them with regard to how the assessment and interview processes are working. New Scrutineers are encouraged to attend and Chartered Fellows (both CGeol and CSci) who might be considering becoming Scrutineers are particularly welcome. Others who might find attendance useful are Chartered Fellows who are likely to be asked to Sponsor Chartership applicants as they will learn how the applications are dealt with and the importance of their role in supporting the applicants.

If possible please register your interest asap at Chartership@geolsoc.org.uk so that I might be able to confirm room bookings. If there is not sufficient interest indicated for any of the venues by Sept 3rd this will be cancelled.

Should there be interest from a Regional Group in having an event like this in any other area of the country then please contact the Chartership Officer (Chartership@geolsoc.org.uk) to see if it might be arranged.

Company Training Scheme Accreditation.

A meeting is to be held on 20th September at Burlington House for representatives of the various accredited company schemes in the UK. This will focus on the relationship between the Society and those who administer the schemes. It will discuss how trainees may best be helped with their quest for Chartership and to advise on Sponsoring of applications.

This meeting is planned for 16.00 on 20th September immediately preceding the Scrutineering event so that participants might attend the later event if they so wish. A meeting for the Hong Kong companies will be arranged for the next Society visit there

The Society has now accredited some 19 company training schemes in the UK with a further 7 in Hong Kong and one in Australia.

In the UK they are;

AECOM, ARUP, ATKINS (engineering geology and hydrogeology), CGL, ERC Equipoise, FUGRO Seacore, GREEN CAT Renewables, GRM, JACOBS, LEAP Environmental, LISTERS, RAMBOLL, RPS Energy, RSK, RUDDLESDEN Geotechnical, SOUTHERN TESTING, WSP, WYG.

In Hong Kong;

ARUP , ATKINS, CEDD, FUGRO, GAMMON, JACOBS and LAM.

In Australia ;

ARUP

Trainees on these schemes have mentors who look after their professional development and who will then probably act as Sponsors when they complete the scheme and are eligible and ready for Chartership.

A number of other companies have expressed an interest and applications for accreditation of schemes from ESG and DUNELM are currently being reviewed. It is hoped that further applications will be forthcoming.

Mentoring Workshop on October 19th at Burlington House

Following on with the successful workshop held in Manchester on July 28th a further one is planned for Burlington House on October 19th. A number of expressions of intent to attend have been received following the last Newsletter. Places are restricted so anyone wishing to attend should contact me (Chartership@geolsoc.org.uk) as soon as possible to guarantee a place.

Attached here is a poster advertising the workshop.