

## EXPERT COMMITTEE ON FOREST SCIENCE

### Expression of Interest Form: Early Career Professional - Observer

The Forestry Commission Expert Committee on Forest Science (ECFS) makes a significant contribution to the development of forest science in the UK. This is at a time of unprecedented interest in the benefits which forestry can provide to society and the importance of objective evidence in guiding choices over trees, woods and forests. Further information on the committee is available [Expert Committee on Forest Science - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk)

The ECFS is looking to appoint an early career professional from the Institute of Chartered Foresters to be involved with the Committee as an Observer. It is anticipated this will bring new perspectives to the ECFS and provide development opportunities for the individual. It would enable early career sector professionals to engage with the expert members and with Forest Research staff, contribute fresh perspectives, observe and build skills in committee work, and develop new networks. The term would be for 2 years.

The time commitment is likely 2 x two-day meetings per year, plus occasional extra involvements (e.g. quarterly brief teleconferences). Meetings when possible in person are held in each of the devolved nations and will focus on review of a particular area of forest science, including where relevant, site visits to experiments or other study sites. Expenses will be paid in line with Forestry Commission policy.

Selection will be based on expression of interest (submission deadline 1<sup>st</sup> March), supplemented where necessary by on-line interview.

Early career is interpreted as within 10 years of completing a degree or other qualification which enabled access to the profession.

To obtain the necessary application form please contact **the Commissioners' Office** - [commissioners@forestrycommission.gov.uk](mailto:commissioners@forestrycommission.gov.uk). For enquiries on being an observer to please contact Sarah Formosa ([sarah.formosa@forestrycommission.gov.uk](mailto:sarah.formosa@forestrycommission.gov.uk)) or the current observer – Andy Baker [Andrew.Baker@forestry.gov.scot](mailto:Andrew.Baker@forestry.gov.scot)