



Statistician: Specialising in Animal and Plant Health Applications, Biomathematics & Statistics Scotland (BioSS)

**Salary from £31,365 per annum
Permanent**

BioSS has an international reputation for methodological development in statistics, mathematical modelling and bioinformatics. We offer a stimulating working environment, with over 40 staff and students at four locations, collaborating on applications in plant science, animal health & welfare, ecology & environmental science, and nutrition & human health.

We are seeking candidates to join a substantial team of BioSS statisticians and mathematical modellers to further develop our existing strengths in the areas of animal and plant health. The post-holder will work with the Scottish Government's Centre of Expertise on the epidemiology of animal diseases in Scotland, EPIC (<https://www.epicscotland.org/>) and build on opportunities for collaborative projects within the recently created Scottish Plant Health Centre of Expertise (<https://www.planthealthcentre.scot/>).

The post, based in Edinburgh, represents an excellent opportunity for an applied statistician interested in both contributing to projects across a stimulating mix of biological applications and further developing their methodological expertise. In addition to working closely with colleagues in BioSS, the post-holder will work with and grow our extensive collaborative network of statisticians, mathematicians and other quantitative experts working in plant and animal health.

Our ideal candidate for this position will have:

- a PhD in statistics or another discipline with a large statistical component, or a relevant MSc with additional experience;
- experience of collaborative working at the interface between statistics and biological sciences, corroborated by co-authored papers in scientific journals; and
- the ability to interact positively, effectively and confidently with non-statisticians in formal and informal situations.

All individuals wishing to work within the UK must be entitled to do so before they can be employed. Further information on the above post, including how to apply, is available on the BioSS website at <http://www.bioss.ac.uk/vacancies.html>. Closing date is 5pm GMT Thursday 13th June 2019; the interview date is currently scheduled for Monday 24th June 2019. Potential applicants may contact Dr Iain McKendrick (iain.mckendrick@bioss.ac.uk, tel +44 (0) 131 650 4894) in confidence to discuss the post.

Please quote reference number "BioSS 01-19" in all correspondence.

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