

Head of Mycology

Starting salary £42,115 - £47,735 per annum, depending on experience

The Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew (Kew) is the world-leader in plant diversity science, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and a major visitor attraction that shows the importance of plants in all our lives. Kew's mission is to inspire and deliver science-based plant conservation worldwide, enhancing the quality of life.

Reporting to the Director (Keeper) of the Herbarium, Library, Art and Archives, this post is a part of the HLAA Leadership Team and is specifically responsible for managing the Mycology Section within the HLAA Directorate. Working in close collaboration with other science departments and sections, this role will provide strategic and operational leadership to enhance and promote the international status, output and reputation of mycological research at RBG Kew, consistent with Kew's corporate vision, the Breathing Planet Programme.

A concise and clear communicator, you will have a proven ability to lead and influence a small to medium-sized science team, initiate effective cross-departmental working and negotiate and influence at all levels.

You will have:

- a PhD and have completed post-doctoral research in mycology;
- a strong publication record in fungal taxonomy and systematics;
- a scientific reputation of international standard in mycology;
- experience in leading and managing a science team to deliver required objectives and outputs;
- a proven track record in securing external funding for research and the management of projects arising from such funding;
- experience of managing budgets.

For full details of the job purpose, accountabilities and essential education, skills and experience for this role, please view the job description and person specification document.

Benefits include 30 days holiday per year, a choice of defined benefit or stakeholder pension, a flexible benefits scheme as well as a great working environment.

Applications are preferred by email to jobs@kew.org If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to call the recruitment team on 020 8332 5150 (24 hour) or 020 8332 3135 (office hours). Please quote Ref: 242

Closing date: 23 February 2012.

Interview date: TBC

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