



Career Opportunity

Trainee Horticultural Manager – Mediterranean Area, Based in Cyprus

Salary – Circa €30,390 per annum, dependent on skills and experience

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC) is an international non-profit organisation seeking to recruit a Trainee Horticultural Manager to join the Mediterranean Area Office team, based in Larnaca, Cyprus.

With a workforce of over 250 staff, the Mediterranean Area has responsibility for the cemeteries and memorials in 18 countries around the Mediterranean Basin from Northern Italy to Sudan and from temperate to arid zone desert climates.

The Horticultural team in the Area delivers unmatched standards of maintenance in a range of diverse and challenging environments and the Trainee Horticultural Manager is a key role within the Horticultural Team which manages the maintenance both through contractors and our own staff.

Some of the specific challenges within the Mediterranean are related to climate and changing legislation and in this context the need to continue to deliver quality landscapes. Changing weather patterns and an organisational aim to reduce water consumption with increasingly stringent legislation regarding chemicals require innovative and practical solutions from the horticultural management team.

This is a trainee management post and the successful candidate will be part of a multi-disciplined team based in Larnaca and should have experience working and travelling in the region. A practical knowledge of horticultural amenity maintenance, turf and ornamental planting, both with and without irrigation are key. These together with a collegiate approach from the successful candidate will ensure that the iconic historic landscapes of cemeteries and memorials continue to be maintained to our exacting standards of excellence.

Responsibilities

Initially supporting and assisting the Horticultural Managers you will have responsibility for the execution and co-ordination of horticultural maintenance and renovation work within the region and to represent the Commission. The post is responsible for the implementation of organisational policy, including approved working practices, health and safety procedures, people management, environmental and Commission policies relating to conduct and behaviour. The transition period from trainee to Horticultural Manager will be 3 years.

Requirements:

- Relevant experience working in a supervisory position minimum 2 years
- Recognised horticulture related qualification at HND or equivalent (BTEC L4 or NVQ 4) is essential. Higher related qualification desirable.
- Great communication skills are essential
- Knowledge of other languages particularly Arabic, French, Greek, Italian or Turkish would be an advantage
- A dynamic approach to delivering great results in a sometimes politically challenging region where cultural awareness and sensitivity are essential.
- High level of written and spoken English language
- Knowledge of Health and Safety best practices
- Microsoft office including outlook
- Excellent organisation and time management skills
- Ability to manage projects
- Full and clean driving licence
- Must have the right to live and work in Cyprus and travel within MA

What we Offer

Permanent working contract, Provident Fund, Private medical health cover, Training and Development, A friendly and positive working environment

To apply send your C.V and covering letter to ma.careers@cwgc.org by 19th October 2018.

All applications will be treated in the strictest of confidence. The CWGC is an equal opportunities employer.