

# Job Description

## Forensic Anthropologist / Archaeologist

<b>Department</b>	Forensic Casework Chorley (Archaeology, Anthropology and Ecology)
<b>Location</b>	Chorley
<b>Summary of Job</b>	<p>An integral member of the AAE team and experienced osteoarchaeologist; a team player but also highly capable of working independently. The post holder will be required to provide scene attendance and on-call services in the field of forensic Anthropology and Archaeology. The job will include working away from home, often at short notice, sometimes working long hours often in difficult conditions outdoors or in a mortuary; the role will require a willingness to work with human remains in various states of decomposition.</p> <p>The job holder will be competent to provide expert witness testimony in a UK court on the subjects of both forensic anthropology and archaeology.</p> <p>Expert witness training will be provided as well as awareness training in crime scene attendance and forensic laboratory procedures.</p>
<b>Reporting Structure</b>	Reporting to Anthropology, Archaeology, Ecology Team Leader
<b>Essential Functions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scene attendance in capacity of forensic anthropologist; recording and recovery of human remains from scenes of crime</li> <li>• Mortuary attendance; creation of biological profile to assist with identification of deceased, provision of information relating to skeletal pathology, anomalies, post-mortem modification of remains and time since death</li> <li>• Species and fragment identification in the mortuary, laboratory and as part of the Cellmark electronic bones identification service</li> <li>• Scene attendance in capacity of forensic archaeologist; search, excavation and recording of human remains; interpretation of scenes where human remains found</li> <li>• Scene attendance; collection of environmental samples including plants, soil, pollen and insects</li> <li>• Management of a high casework load including liaison and communication with police customers and maintenance of casefiles to a high standard</li> <li>• Participation in on-call rota approximately one out of every five or six weeks</li> <li>• Production of witness statements and reports</li> <li>• Attendance at court as an expert witness when required</li> </ul>

## Job Requirements

### Education & Qualifications

- Degree in Archaeology and MSc in Osteology / Biological Anthropology or closely related subject
- Competency in osteology equivalent to FA Level II accreditation  
<https://www.therai.org.uk/forensic-anthropology> Willingness to apply for Level II accreditation and work towards Level I accreditation in Forensic Anthropology
- ClfA membership at MCfA level (<http://www.archaeologists.net/charter>) or meets requirements to apply for membership at this level

### Experience

- Extensive experience in analysis of large collections of human skeletal remains, including inhumations, cremated, fragmented and commingled remains. Production of skeletal reports to publication standard
- Extensive archaeological field experience including desk-based assessments, watching-briefs, evaluations, walkover survey, topographical survey, excavation and recording of multi-period sites including a wide range of burial sites. Direction of complex excavations, familiarity with environmental sampling and processing techniques. Production of reports to publication standard

### Skills (essential)

- Team player but also able to work independently
- Good communication skills
- Ability to work within customer budgetary and time constraints and to meet agreed deadlines
- UK Driving Licence

### Skills (desirable)

- Good presentation skills
- Familiarity with Total Stations and survey grade GPS
- Familiarity with Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and AutoCAD
- Good database management skills

## Physical Demands

- Working conditions (see below) will require the jobholder to have a reasonable degree of physical fitness and agility.

## Working Conditions

- The job will involve a degree of working in difficult and physically challenging environments both outdoors (heat, cold, wet, hazardous environments) and in mortuaries.
- Computer workstation in a shared office
- Laboratory environment