

St Andrews Botanic Garden

Garden Section Supervisor (Glasshouses)

Salary Range: £23,694 - £28,845

40 hours per week (5 days out of a 7 day period)

St Andrews Botanic Garden holds an exceptional, diverse and documented 8000 taxa collection in 18 beautiful acres, including half an acre of glasshouses. Located in the centre of the iconic town of St Andrews, it benefits from its links to this UK top 5 University and the global tourist interest in St Andrews.

You would be joining SABG at the most exciting time in its 125 year history as it refocuses on making its collections and expertise relevant and accessible to a wider audience. SABG has recently gone through a transition to become an independent charitable trust and is in a challenging time of growth and development. In the most recent financial year visitor numbers have increased over 50%, facilities have been upgraded and planning initiated for long-term development. Central to this is a commitment to developing world-class horticulture, training, and outreach to our community and visitors.

St Andrews Botanic Garden wishes to appoint an experienced and inspirational individual who will work with the Director and other committed garden staff and volunteers to develop excellence in botanical and display horticulture. The post holder will have responsibility for the glasshouse collection. SABG is looking for imaginative and innovative development of the garden and collection to enhance visitor experience.

This is a post within an organisational structure comprising four Section Supervisors, three Botanical Horticulturists and trainee positions. Horticulture staffing for 2018 will be at 8FTE following this recruitment. SABG is committed to attracting and developing the expertise and careers of exceptional horticulturists at all levels as part of its core mission and values. As part of this you will receive a dedicated self-directed development budget.

You will have a unique opportunity to create and develop horticulture around your interests and expertise as the Botanic Garden is reimagined from the ground up. You will be given significant personal responsibility from the first day as part of an ambitious team, with dynamic leadership, in a small but growing educational, conservation and visitor attraction. This brings its challenges, particularly the need to be resilient and independent working in a rapidly changing and adapting environment.

You will have excellent communication and planning skills, with the ability to lead and develop a team of both staff and volunteers. With a great eye for detail, you will have creative flair and bring innovative and imaginative solutions to both daily tasks and long term plans. You will be given significant creative autonomy in developing garden areas and collections, with Directorial support and within a long term planning and management framework you will assist in developing.

In addition to demonstrable expertise and experience in glasshouse collections, we are looking for a track record in some area of content production, training or outreach work that demonstrates clearly an ability to communicate your passion to others. Examples include but are not limited to writing, lecturing, photography, training, community and volunteer work and artisan craftsmanship.

For a full job description and person specification pack please email info@standrewsbotanic.org

All applications should be received by 12pm on Monday 13th August. Interviews will be carried out week commencing Monday 20th August.