

Job Title: Freelance Tutor (Botanical Illustration)
Department: Biodiversity Education and Training
Division: Learning and Engagement

Purpose

To support the delivery and continued development of our Diploma in Botanical Illustration by facilitating student learning and providing guidance on botanical subjects relevant to the course.

Role Profile

Main Duties
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tutor students in botany, comparative morphology, identification and nomenclature related to their studies.• Provide support and guidance to students using the virtual learning environment (PropaGate Learning), facilitate forum discussions and respond to questions and queries.• Monitor student portfolios and provide feedback on their research and the accuracy of their drawings and paintings.• Contribute to the assessment of student evidence in collaboration with the teaching team.• Create and update teaching resources to assist students in their learning.• Obtain taxonomic information from various botanical resources (e.g. floras, synopses and monographs), including diagnoses and descriptions.• Liaise with other teaching team members to support learning, teaching and assessment related to the course.• Any other duties as appropriate.

Person Specification

Skills/Aptitude	Essential	Desirable
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Excellent communication skills	✓	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Experience in utilising taxonomic literature such as floras, synopses and monographs	✓	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Proficiency in information technology, including the use of virtual learning environments	✓	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• An interest and enthusiasm for learning and teaching	✓	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• An interest in botanical illustration, drawing or painting	✓	

Knowledge	Essential	Desirable
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Knowledge of botanical sciences, including comparative morphology, plant identification and nomenclature	✓	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• An appreciation of the vision and mission of the Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh	✓	

Professional Qualifications	Essential	Desirable
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A qualification in Horticulture, Botany or related discipline at SCQF level 8 or above (i.e. HND or DipHE).		✓
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A teaching qualification at SCQF level 9 or above (PDA or PgCert.)		✓