

JOB DESCRIPTION

Job Title:	Field Assistant
Department / Unit:	School of Biological Sciences
Grade:	3
Accountable to:	Dr Steve Portugal
Purpose of the Post	
Metabolic Profiling of biologging effects on birds	
Key Tasks	
<p>Key Responsibilities:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Undertaking experiments, as directed, with homing pigeons, using a range of techniques (all fully taught and explained). 2. Cleaning out of pigeon lofts 2-3 times a week, feeding the birds, and monitoring their welfare (including daily weighing). 3. Assisting PhD students with pigeon experiments, including laboratory-based behavioural work, and homing flights. 4. General laboratory tidiness, cleaning and routine care of basic laboratory equipment as directed. 5. Responsible for adhering to local and legal safety regulations. 6. Collecting materials from stores and maintaining adequate stock levels. 7. Providing general assistance to staff and students in the operation of basic laboratory apparatus / equipment, where appropriate. 8. General assistance in the maintenance of routine records for both the birds and the experiments. 	
Other Duties	
<p>The duties listed are not exhaustive and may be varied from time to time as dictated by the changing needs of the College. The post holder will be expected to undertake other duties as appropriate and as requested by his/her manager.</p> <p>The post holder may be required to work at any of the locations at which the business of Royal Holloway is conducted.</p>	