

# Equine Research Officer

**Contract Type: Fixed term for 12 months**

**Location: Centre for Racehorse Studies, Newmarket**

**Salary: £36,000**

**Grade: AT3**



The British Horseracing Authority (BHA) is the governing and regulatory body for horseracing in Great Britain. It is the BHA's role to act for and on behalf of the whole sport, ensuring that the highest standards apply on and away from the racecourse. It is responsible for promoting, and regulating the sport, which is at the heart of a major leisure and entertainment sector, a leading betting product and the focus of an important breeding sector.

We are currently looking to recruit an enthusiastic and dedicated Equine Research Officer to join the existing friendly and supportive Equine Regulation, Safety and Welfare Department, based at the Centre for Racehorse Studies (CRS), Newmarket. The Centre for Racehorse Studies is located within the British Racing School (BRS), and up to 10 Thoroughbreds are cared for whilst they are part of studies which are conducted to provide information and advice to vets and trainers regarding medication use in racehorses.

The successful candidate will be responsible for daily management and welfare of the horses at CRS. This includes feeding, ridden and non-ridden exercise as required, turnout, supervision for farrier and vet visits as well as involvement in the sourcing of horses and liaison with our re-homing partner. This role requires ability to ride horses recently off the track. The BRS students undertake daily routine husbandry and exercise of our horses, and these roles include liaison with BRS staff, student inductions to the CRS and oversight of students whilst they are working with our horses. The role includes full preparation for and participation with research studies, including monitoring and sampling of horses. The role will contribute towards providing 7 day per week coverage for the above. Flexible working will be possible as this role will overlap with another Equine Research Officer position.

The essential skills and knowledge required include recent practical work with horses and excellent understanding of the welfare and management of Thoroughbred horses. The CRS operates under a Home Office License, and the Equine Research Officers are required to hold a Home Office Personal License, – training will be provided. Given the nature of the role, you must be prepared to work with a high degree of flexibility, including some unsociable hours such as weekends and bank holidays. Excellent communication, organisation and horse handling skills are a must, along with the ability to work with minimal supervision, and as part of a busy team.

## Equal opportunities

We acknowledge that having a diverse and inclusive workforce is fundamental to our success and we actively encourage and welcome applications from candidates of diverse cultures, perspectives, and experiences. People with disabilities or from ethnically diverse communities are currently underrepresented in the organisation and therefore we welcome these candidates to apply.

For more information, please see the job description [here](#).

**Please apply by completing this Application Form [here](#), only candidates who have applied via the form will be considered. Our applications are anonymised in-line with our D&I initiatives and supporting documents are only provided to recruiting managers at interview stage.**

The closing date for applications is **05 October 2025**.

Should you require any reasonable adjustments, please contact [recruitment@britishhorseracing.com](mailto:recruitment@britishhorseracing.com) to provide further details.



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