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**Green Impact Labs Project Assistant**

**Voluntary Role Description**

**University of Bristol**

**Role title**

Green Impact Labs Project Assistant (GILPA)

**Background information**

The University of Bristol’s Sustainable Labs Initiative, launched in 2014, provides resources and programs specifically tailored for UoB’s laboratories to help them run as sustainably as possible. The initiative aims to reduce the environmental impact of our labs by focusing on energy, water and waste projects as well as engagement and awareness activities to encourage behaviour change.

An environmental framework, Green Impact Labs has been redeveloped and launched at the university of Bristol summer 2016. It encourages lab users to sign up and commit to embedding sustainability within their research. Lab assessments and audits are a necessary component of the scheme in order to assess initial baseline and end-of-year progress. This new framework runs alongside our Green Impact programme which recently won a [UNESCO award](http://www.bristol.ac.uk/news/2016/september/unesco-award.html).

**Objective of the voluntary role**

The Sustainability Department is looking for students with lab experience and a passion for sustainability to conduct lab assessments in order to progress Green Impact Labs, as well as helping us gauge the sustainability of science research across the University.

You will receive training and continual support from the Sustainability Service, which offers a great, structured yet time-flexible way to gain a range of transferable skills. For more information on the Green Impact Labs programme, please see our website:

[www.bris.ac.uk/green/get-involved/sustainable-labs/green-impact-labs](http://www.bris.ac.uk/green/get-involved/sustainable-labs/green-impact-labs)

**Tasks and responsibilities may include:**

* The candidate will conduct lab assessments in line with Green Impact Labs criteria. This will involve liaising and making enquiries with lab users, as well as interviewing them during the audits/assessments.
* Assisting labs with tasks associated with progression of their Green Impact Laboratories program.
* Communicating with other Project Assistants to support each other.
* Reporting to the Green Impact Labs Supervisor and possibly assisting with compiling reports and recommendations.
* Familiarising yourself with laboratory health and safety guidelines.

**The person**

* Must be a Science, Engineering, Biomedical or Health sciences student at the University of Bristol.
* Experience of working in laboratories.
* Ability to work independently or in a team.
* Strong communication skills.

**Opportunities and benefits**

* Learn about the implementation of sustainability practices in a university setting, specifically sustainability opportunities in laboratories. This includes topics of energy efficiency, water conservation, waste reduction and engagement.
* Work with laboratory occupants and staff across the university, including researchers, lab managers, faculty staff, operations staff, etc.
* Make a direct impact on reducing laboratory environmental impact at the University of Bristol.
* This volunteering opportunity is a great CV builder for those interested in either research or sustainability careers. It is also recognised by the Bristol PLUS and can count towards your award.
* You will gain certification based upon the number of assessments you carry out.

**Proposed start date**

Up to the volunteer

**Hours of work**

The schedule is flexible and you can fit the lab assessments around your studies, however we ask that you commit to dates and times in advance.

**Post duration**

Lab assessments are ongoing throughout the academic year, so you can choose the amount of time you wish to volunteer during this period.

**Position supervisor**

Green Impact Labs Supervisor and the Sustainable Labs Officer

**Location, including any relevant travel information**

The candidate will mostly be working in laboratories across other departments within the precinct but will report back to the Green Impact Labs Supervisor who is based at 1-9 Old Park Hill.

**To apply**

Please email Aya Ben Issa the Green Impact Labs Supervisor, at s-labs@bristol.ac.uk stating your interest and any relevant experience.