

Nuclear Technical Advisor

Secondment Opportunity

Location: London and Warrington

Do you want to shape UK energy policy? Are you comfortable with complex, technical information?

This role in the Nuclear Innovation and Research Office (NIRO) is an unrivalled opportunity to shape the safe, efficient future of nuclear in the UK. It offers candidates an important career development opportunity which will involve engaging directly with a wide range of senior stakeholders from Government, industry, academia and national laboratories. It will provide the opportunity to address a wide range of technical issues spanning the whole of the nuclear industry and to make a direct personal contribution to shaping the future of the nuclear in the UK.

NIRO is a new advice service for the Department of Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS), operated by the National Nuclear Laboratory (NNL) on an independent, arms-length basis. NIRO's role is to act as the central point of contact for Government access to independent strategic technical advice on nuclear policies, projects and programmes. It will take a broad outlook and coordinate views from across the nuclear landscape to support Government's objectives on nuclear issues. We do this through building strong relationships with Government, industry and academia and may represent the interests of Government nationally and internationally, as required. NIRO is made up of NNL and industry secondees who have the knowledge and experience to achieve this aim.

The NIRO office is based in Warrington but the team regularly spends time working from the BEIS offices in Whitehall. There will be some opportunities for travel – in the UK and occasionally overseas.

As Nuclear Technical Advisor, you'll develop advice on technical issues relating to UK nuclear capability by assessing technologies and gathering, collating and interpreting information. The information you provide will enable us to provide independent strategic advice to the UK Government and wider nuclear stakeholders. Your ability to interpret complex information and present it coherently and concisely will be key. You'll contribute to the preparation of advice to Government, support the development of business cases and establish methods of gathering and coordinating nuclear activities. A broad understanding of nuclear energy markets and technologies with expertise in some areas is essential, as is the ability to collate, interpret and present high quality information. Excellent communication skills and the ability to work as part of a committed, expert team are crucial.

Duties will include:

- Supporting the preparation of papers, briefings and technical analyses for government officials;
- Supporting the assessment of outputs from the BEIS Nuclear Innovation Programme to determine the impact on the future scope of the programme;

- Contributing to the preparation of business cases support the BEIS Nuclear Innovation Programme;
- Providing secretariat support to the Nuclear Innovation and Research Advisory Board (NIRAB), organising NIRAB meetings and convening sub-groups to discuss specialist issues.

We are an inclusive team, and want to hear from people of all backgrounds – different perspectives on such important work can only make us stronger. We are committed to making NIRO an inclusive place to work and to providing services which embrace diversity and which promote equality of opportunity. It is also committed to equality and valuing diversity. Its goal is to ensure that these commitments, reinforced by its values, are embedded in its day-to-day working practices with all its customers, colleagues and partners.

We work flexibly, and would welcome part-time and job-share applications.

If you would like to apply for this role should please submit a covering letter and a copy of your CV to Clare.Kearney@niro.org.uk.

For further information or to discuss the opportunity please also email Fiona Rayment (Fiona.e.Rayment@niro.org.uk) or Gordon Bryan (Gordon.d.Bryan@niro.org.uk).

The closing date for this opportunity is **Friday 10th November 2017**.