

## SAIS Avalanche Forecaster Training Programme

### Application Requirements

Commencing autumn 2017 and through winters 2017/18, 18/19, the SAIS is carrying out an Avalanche Forecaster Training Programme. The service is inviting applications from those interested, to take part in a unique opportunity to attain the avalanche forecaster standard.

The SAIS Avalanche Forecaster training and assessment programme is being funded by sportscotland and will be provided at a no cost basis for the training elements. (NB: accommodation, travel expenses will not be covered). It should be noted by applicants that the programme will involve a significant amount of time commitment. In view of the investment by SAIS/SPORTSCOTLAND in the forecaster training programme, the vetting of applications will be in accordance with the criteria laid out in the form entitled: "SAIS Forecaster TP – pre-requirements for applications".

Completion of the Training Programme will typically take 2 winter seasons.

Applicants in the first instance should be highly experienced in the winter mountains and, as well as having significant avalanche training, should hold one or more of the following qualifications: International Mountain Guide (IFMGA), Mountaineering Instructor, Winter Mountain Leader, Snow-sport industry professional or, have an equivalent level of winter mountain experience.

Additionally, applicants should demonstrate a commitment to engaging in the forecaster training programme and to their future involvement with the Scottish Avalanche Information Service if successful.

The Scottish Avalanche Information Service (SAIS) publishes daily reports containing: avalanche hazard forecasts, observed avalanche hazard, mountain conditions and blogs for the six most popular areas of Scotland mountain regions: Torridon, Northern Cairngorms, Southern Cairngorms, Creag Meagaidh, Lochaber and Glencoe

Further documents relating to the application process, pre-requirements and the training programme can be found on the SAIS website: <http://www.sais.gov.uk/resources/forecaster-training-prog/>

Please send the following by email to the SAIS Co-ordinator at the following address: [training@sais.gov.uk](mailto:training@sais.gov.uk)

1. Letter of application
2. CV
3. Snowpack Evaluation Task.
4. 2x References

Closing date for applications.

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2017