






Student Placement 2027/2028
The Allerton Project
Soil science, entomology, and regenerative farming

The Game & Wildlife Conservation Trust

The Game & Wildlife Conservation Trust is an independent wildlife conservation charity. Its 60+ scientists carry out research into game, associated species, and habitats, from its HQ at Fordingbridge, Hampshire and at outstations throughout the country. The Trust's main areas of interest encompass farmland, moorland, woodland, and river management for game and other wildlife.

The Allerton Project is a 320 hectare research and demonstration farm based in Leicestershire. Our research focuses on the effects of agricultural land management on wildlife and the environment. We share our research through training, educational and knowledge exchange activities in our onsite visitor center.

The Placement

In 2027/2028 we have one student placement available, based in the research department at The Allerton Project, Leicestershire.

Our department is involved with a large range of research investigating regenerative farming practices and their impacts on soil health, biodiversity, and the wider environment. Our projects include long-term cultivation trials, biostimulants, biochar, agroforestry, integrated pest management, insect conservation, cover crops and habitat management. A key part of our work is understanding how agricultural practices influence soil health, insect biodiversity, carbon sequestration and greenhouse gas emissions. We aim to ensure our research is relevant to farmers, policy makers and other stakeholders, and that our research is translated for practical use as much as possible.

The successful candidate will be involved in the full breadth of projects both on and off the farm, gaining practical experience in soil science, entomology, and wider agricultural research, alongside knowledge exchange days at the centre to experience how research is translated into practical advice. Full training will be given in relevant field and laboratory techniques, including soil carbon analysis, surveying, collecting and curating insects, identifying pollinators and other invertebrates, microbial activity, water infiltration, greenhouse gas monitoring, crop physiology and yield. Training will also be given in data handling analysis and report writing.

A full driving licence, is required for fieldwork. Candidates must also be physically fit and able to work outside in the field, often in inclement conditions. The ideal candidate would have an interest in regenerative agriculture, entomology, and soil health, and the practical translation of research.

The benefits of a placement

Candidates would be expected to start in August 2027 and run for 12 months. On site accommodation is available and a stipend of £131 per week. This placement is a great opportunity to be involved in every level of research from sampling, through to analysis, data handling, reporting and public engagement, giving valuable experience for anyone wishing to pursue a career in agricultural or environmental or conservation research.

To Apply

To apply please send a CV and letter explaining why you are interested in the placement and arrange to have your tutor send a reference to the contact below by the 10th of January 2027. Interviews will be held from the 18th of January to the 29th of January 2027.

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