






Student Placement 2027/2028
The Allerton Project
Conservation and Farming Student

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 farm and conservation team at The Allerton Project, Leicestershire. This team oversees the management of the estate including arable farmland, grassland, woodland, hedges and agri-environment areas. The team does the day-to-day farming as well as wider estate management and maintenance such as hedge-laying, woodland management, habitat management and drainage. We focus on developing more regenerative farming practices, with an emphasis on soil health and biodiversity, carbon sequestration and greenhouse gas emissions. The farm is a demonstration site and we aim for our work to be relevant to farmers, policy-makers and other stakeholders, and for our research to support practical use as much as possible.

The successful candidate will be involved in the full breadth of land management on the farm, with the opportunity to gain an insight into the other areas of the Allerton project, such as research department and the wide range of training we do here. Full training will be given for all activities undertaken and this promises to be a wide ranging and interesting placement with opportunity for gaining practical skills.

A full driving licence is required. 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, soil health, wildlife, and working practically to improve it.

The benefits of a placement

Candidates would be expected to start in September 2027. On site accommodation is available and a stipend of £131 per week to cover basic necessities. This placement is a great opportunity to be involved in every level of farm and estate management and a great place to gather valuable practical skills.

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 January 2027. Interviews will be held online from the 18th of January to the 29th of January 2027.

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