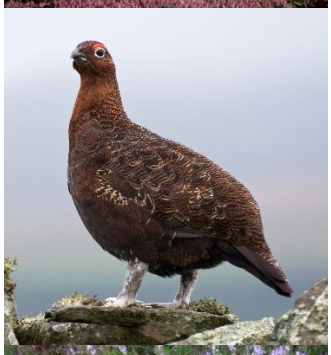





Student Placement in 2027/2028
Upland Research Group, Teesdale, North Pennines

The Research Base

The Trust's office in Teesdale in northern England is our research base for much of our work in upland ecology. The primary focus of our research is the conservation and management of upland bird populations and their moorland habitats. Currently there are nine staff and students based from our office in the grounds of Eggleston Hall near Barnard Castle. Six further staff and students within the Uplands Team are based in the Scottish Highlands.

The Placement Position

We seek two undergraduate student placements/year-in-industry internships each year. Placement students will gain valuable and extensive research experience working alongside staff on a range of projects throughout northern England. Students will assist with intensive data collection and data management for long-term research and monitoring projects on red and black grouse, the ecology of upland ground-nesting birds, including raptors, and black grouse recovery and range expansion. Specifically, activities will include:

- Assisting with the Maternal Condition in Red Grouse Project (radiotracking, nest visits, invertebrate sampling, vegetation measures, disease testing, ArcGIS)
- Assisting with Black Grouse research (radiotracking, lek counts, brood foraging measures, mapping in ArcGIS)
- Assisting with heather management studies (dipwells, pitfall traps, habitat surveys)
- Lab-based work, including measures of strongyle worms and other parasites, and invertebrate identification

There will be an opportunity for each student to develop their own aspects of ecological interest by undertaking a personal research project, supervised by uplands staff. Training for all aspects of the role will be given, including data processing, analysis and report writing.

We are seeking two individuals with an appetite for outdoor fieldwork, an interest in conservation biology and a desire to learn. A full driving licence is **essential**, as is the willingness to work in all weather and in remote locations, occasionally on a lone working basis. We have shared accommodation available, in the form of a two-bedroom flat in the nearby village of Middleton-in-Teesdale, four miles from the office.

We offer a standard stipend of £131 per week, **free** accommodation, plus paid bills. There may also be opportunities to increase your work experience and earnings through seasonal work on neighbouring estates and through routine chores around the office of a non-academic nature. To apply please send a CV and cover 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 online from the 18th of January 2027. Successful candidates are welcome to visit prior to commencing the placement.
The placements will be for one year commencing **on the 2nd of August 2027**.

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