

Student Placement 2018/2019

Lowland Game & Wildlife Research (LGR)

Background

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 Placement

In 2018/2019 we have one student placement available, based at Fordingbridge, in the Lowland Game & Wildlife (LGR) department. The LGR undertakes research relating to lowland game and wildlife and the habitats they share, in particular woodlands and farmland. The research is usually applied and based on a fieldwork data collection programme. For example, there are currently ongoing studies of releasing gamebirds for shooting, on the ecology of released pheasants, on woodland birds and wild game management in the lowlands.

The LGR consists of two permanent staff plus PhD and other students and sometimes contract staff. Overall LGR research work involves a combination of surveying wildlife and habitats, monitoring game, laboratory work, data handling, analysis and reporting. Some aspects of the work are extensive, and involve many sites across the country, while others are more intensive involving just one or a handful of sites.

We cannot at this time be specific about the placement details for the duration of this placement. There is a likelihood that you would be involved in some field work, data handling and analysis. Overall you should be able to expand your experience in ecological experimental design, database construction and data analysis, field work techniques including wildlife surveys, maybe using GPS and GIS. There would be the opportunity to work on more than one project, within the LGR or between departments within the GWCT.

We require a confident and able student with an interest in or at least an appreciation of game management and shooting for a placement in 2018/19. Some data handling and analysis skills might be useful as would bird or plant identification skills. It is usually necessary that you are a confident driver unless the placement is largely desk-based.

Benefits of the Placement

We can provide accommodation based at Fordingbridge, a small remuneration package (currently £100 per week) plus expenses and a vehicle where needed for work.

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 3rd January 2018.

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