

Student Placement 2018/2019

Scottish Lowland Research

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 undergraduate placement at our new Cromar Farming With Nature (CFWN) project in Aberdeenshire. We could accommodate the student for up to a year if required, or shorter periods as necessary. The CFWN project is comprised of the Game and Wildlife Scottish Demonstration Farm (GWSDF) and the MacRobert Trust land nearby. These two areas combine to provide a huge study site supporting a wide diversity of habitats and wildlife. On both areas we are working on a number of projects, but focusing currently on investigating the ecological and economic impacts of rabbits, factors influencing the breeding success of waders and thrushes, documenting the distribution of breeding raptors and experimenting with 'Agrilasers' as a means to control the movements of an array of mammals as part of a new EU LIFE project.

The Scottish Lowland Research team undertakes research in Scotland 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 programme of data collection in the field.

The CFWN team consists of two permanent staff plus several seasonal students and volunteer staff. We require a confident and able student with an interest in ecology and in working outdoors. You must be happy to be based in a remote, rural location. Some data handling and analysis skills might be useful as would bird ID or other field skills. The successful candidate would be involved mostly with field work but also some data handling and analysis.

Benefits of the Placement

The placement would be based at GWSDF where we have an office and accommodation, plus a 4x4 for use if necessary. We pay a stipend of £100 per week of the placement and all accommodation bills would be covered. Overall you should be able to get and hence expand your experience in ecological experimental design, database construction and data analysis, field work techniques including wildlife surveys, maybe using GPS and GIS. We would endeavour to match your interests to the project as far as possible. There may be the opportunity to work on more than one project within the Scottish Lowland Research department, or between departments within the GWCT.

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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