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Lowland Game & Wildlife Research (LGR) Student Placement 2019/2020

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 out-stations throughout the country. The Trust's main areas of interest encompass farmland, moorland, woodland and river management for game and other wildlife.

The Placement

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 a 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 but also data handling and analysis. 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 and so on. There would be the opportunity to work on more than one project, within the LGR or between departments within The GWCT as a whole.

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 2019/2020. Some data handling and analysis skills might be useful as would bird or plant identification skills. For a successful candidate we can provide accommodation based at Fordingbridge, a small remuneration package plus expenses and a vehicle where needed for work. It is usually necessary that you are a confident driver unless the placement is largely desk based.

The closing date for applying is the 7th January 2019. Interviews will be held in January/February 2019. To apply, please send your CV and a covering letter explaining why you are interested in the placement to:

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