## 18th-22nd July 2016 at Malham Tarn Field Centre, North Yorkshire

### Application form

Please ensure you read the guidance notes attached to this application form.

You should return this form to Karen@britishecologicalsociety.org no later than March 20th 2016.

#### Contact details:

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| 1. Name
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| 1. Postal address
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| 1. Telephone/mobile
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| 1. Email
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#### Academic details:

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| 1. University
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| 1. Year ( please tick)
 | 1st | 2nd |
| 1. Course title
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**8:** Please give details of any academic prizes you have been awarded.

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#### Experience:

**9:** Please record any professional work experience/ other qualifications/ other courses undertaken.

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**10:** Relevant voluntary/extra curricula experience.

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#### Career Aspirations

**11.** Why have you applied to the summer school? You should include what you hope to gain from participating in the school and how you see this experience contributing to your studies in the next few years.

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12. Please tell us what your current career aspirations might be, *(we do not expect fine detail on where you see your career going but it is useful for us to have some knowledge about your hopes and aspirations).*

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Please ask your tutor to complete the next section of this application.

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#### Tutor Reference

The student named above\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is in the process of submitting an application to the BES Summer School.

The school aims to support and encourage talented undergraduates to pursue further academic study and careers in ecological sciences. 50 students will receive a funded place on a week long residential field trip that includes workshops, field skills, 1:1 careers support and mentoring along with opportunities to develop research ideas and engage with the wider research community.

We would be grateful if you could supply us with a supporting statement for their application.

Further details about the scheme can be obtained from Karen@britishecologicalsociety.org

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| Your Name |  |
| Telephone contact |  |
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13. Students’ academic achievement: Please record any notable academic achievements for this student.

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14. Evidence of commitment to ecological sciences: Please state any examples where this student has demonstrated an exceptional interest/commitment to pursuing ecological studies.

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### Guidance notes

**Getting to and from Malham**

Participants will be asked either to travel via public transport (and we will pick up/drop off at the nearest train station) or arrange to be dropped off locally as there is very limited space for cars to be parked during the course of the week.

We do not wish any potential ecologists to be excluded from the summer school based on their ability to fund and arrange travel. We ask any applicants worried about travel to contact Karen@britishecologcialsociety.org to discuss any requirements and accessing travel bursaries.

There will be a significant amount of fieldwork taking place during the summer school, please contact Karen@britishecologicalsociety.org if you have any mobility/disability requirements.

**Completing the application form**

Although there is no word limit for any response we suggest you remember that we are recruiting for 50 places and would be grateful if you could communicate all relevant experiences concisely.

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| Q | What we’re asking and why we need to know it |
| 3 | Please provide a number that we can reliably contact you on quickly if there are any queries with your application.  |
| 4 | Please make sure this is an email you check regularly as this will be the primary communication channel. |
| 6 | The BES summer school is best suited to students at the end of their 1st year in an English/Welsh/Northern Irish institution and 2nd Year Scottish institution.  |
| 8 | Any prizes you may have been awarded as part of your academic studies. |
| 9 | This question is targeted specifically to anyone who has entered their UG course following a significant period of employment, distance learning courses, foundation, access courses etc but anyone with significant experience  |
| 10 | We are looking specifically for any experience of ecology, natural environment, fieldwork, outdoor learning, communication skills, team work, leadership, research and in fact any experience that triggered your interest in ecology and indicates that you have the capacity to learn from and contribute to your own and others experiences throughout the week. |
| 11 | This is a funded summer school and is intended to inspire and support you to pursue a career in ecology. You will be working hard, the weather might not be great and there will be lots of people you don’t know. We would like applicants to have already considered how they might make the most of the opportunities this summer school presents both during and after the school. |
| 12 | Some of you will have a very clear idea about where you would like to be in 5 years. Some of you will be less certain. This is perhaps one of the most important questions as we will use this in starting to think about the groups you work in and the people we prioritise meet with you before during and after the school. It is also the most flexible aspect of your application and you will be asked again before and after the school to update this section. |
| 13 | Your tutor is asked to record any appropriate academic achievements based on performance to date. This may be test scores, personal reflections and any other appropriate information. |
| 14 | Where tutors are aware of any evidence of outstanding commitment to ecological science it should be noted here. Please make sure your tutor is aware of this evidence before you ask them to complete the application form |