



GUIDANCE NOTES - BES Undergraduate Summer School 2023

During the application process for the British Ecological Society Undergraduate Summer School 2023 you will need to confirm you have read the following guidance:

Applications will be considered for all undergraduate students studying a degree relating to ecological sciences and enrolled in British or Irish Universities, irrespective of their background. We strongly encourage applications from individuals who face or have faced barriers to their career development; this may be due to being from an underrepresented group and/or due to other factors (such as having caring responsibilities).

You must be available for the following dates as they are mandatory elements of the Summer School:

- **Tuesday 11th July 2023** – Online Pre-Summer School Day – 1pm to 3.30pm
- **Friday 14th – Monday 17th July 2023** – in person Summer School at Preston Montford FSC Centre, Shropshire (travelling to the centre on the Friday and leaving on the Monday lunchtime)

Following eligibility confirmation, applications will be competitively assessed by the awarding panel looking for evidence of (1) your commitment to pursuing a career in ecology or using ecological knowledge, and (2) how the Summer School will make a difference to your career development. The panel will include at least two members of BES Education and Engagement staff.

This is a fully funded experience and is intended to inspire and support you to pursue a career in ecology. You will need to be dedicated to making the most of the opportunity. Travel to the centre will be covered by the applicant, however a travel fund is available if required. If a successful candidate has informed us of any support needs, we will get in touch to discuss the venue and location, activities, and demands, to work out together how we can best accommodate and prepare for the online day and in-person field trip.

GDPR and privacy statements: We are committed to protecting the privacy and security of your personal data which will be stored in accordance with the GDPR 2016 and Data Protection Act 2018 (https://www.britishecologicalsociety.org/bes_privacy_policy/). The data in the application form will only be used by us for the purposes described on the website page above and will not be passed on to Third Parties.

If you have any questions do get in touch with Fiona Le Ray, Careers and Inclusion Officer fiona@britishecologicalsociety.org or Amy Padfield, Head of Professional Development amyp@britishecologicalsociety.org.

The deadline for applications is 5pm - Friday 12th May 2023. All applicants will be informed of the outcome by Friday 19th May – good luck!