

## Natural Sciences-related Career Tips

Student Futures and Research Conference 2022

### CAREERS – where to look

- LinkedIn
- Society/association websites (as well as their own vacancies, some societies may also advertise external job opportunities)
- Social Media: follow career related accounts on Twitter (e.g., @Science\_Jobs, @BES\_Careers, @ConservCareers) and look at hashtags that may be relevant, e.g. #careers, #ecology. You can also follow hashtags on Instagram, e.g., #ecologyjob #graduatescheme #wearehiring

Websites:

<https://www.environmentjob.co.uk/jobs/>

<https://www.environmentjobs.co.uk/> (this time with an 's' !)

<https://www.ecologyjobs.co.uk/>

<https://www.nature.com/naturecareers>

<https://www.countryside-jobs.com/>

### FUNDING – where to look (grants, bursaries, scholarships)

Watch the recording [here](#) of Graziella Iossa's workshop on Research and Funding to find out more!

<https://www.conservation-careers.com/top-conservation-scholarships/>

This website has a full list of scholarships with level, field, value, and target group.

<https://www.britishecologicalsociety.org/funding/other-funders/>

The BES has a webpage detailing a list of funding opportunities from external organisations (as well as its own grants and bursary schemes, see below) such as Botanical Society, European Research Council, The Woodland Trust, and The Royal Geographical Society.

<https://www.britishecologicalsociety.org/funding/>

<https://www.britishecologicalsociety.org/learning-and-resources/career-development/next-generation-bursary-scheme/>

The BES has its own grants available (link 1) as well as career development bursaries (link 2).

<https://www.linnean.org/the-society/medals-awards-prizes-grants>

The Linnean Society also has grants available.

Your university may offer travel grants, or the Careers Services may be able to help you find funding opportunities.

Search engine key terms:

- grant(s), bursary(ies), scholarship(s), PhD studentship(s): these terms may sometimes be used interchangeably, so make sure to look for all three options when searching for funding

### ADDITIONAL – ways to get involved

*Finding opportunities alongside study is beneficial as you can gain experience for your CV in practical or theoretical environmental and conservation tasks and develop your skills, which will improve your employability.*

Consider looking at whether your school or university has a society that you can join, they may have university-based events or projects where you could help out and meet like-minded people.

Consider also looking at your local associations, charities, and societies, and seeing what opportunities they might offer to expand your knowledge (e.g. conferences, events & networking events, journals,

local projects). You can practice writing for journals and blogs for instance. The link below is an example of a website that allows you to browse charities by sector or region (or both through the Advanced Search option). There are plenty of similar websites out there where you can find organisations.  
<https://www.charitychoice.co.uk/charities>

### **BES Undergraduate Summer School**

The BES organise a Summer School which we will be recruiting for shortly - Every year we run a fully funded undergraduate Summer School, giving the opportunities for students to attend career development workshops, bridge the skills gap they have encountered over the past years, help them progress with their career in ecology, and network with peers. This year's Summer School will run as a hybrid model and applications will open early April.

[UG Summer School for aspiring ecologists \(britishecologicalsociety.org\)](http://britishecologicalsociety.org)

### **Mentoring**

The BES is in the process of expanding and re-developing its mentoring scheme through a mentoring platform, where you will be able to apply to be both a mentor and a mentee. (You have to be a BES member to access the mentoring platform, students of all levels get one-year free membership).

[Mentoring opportunities at the BES - British Ecological Society](#)

CIEEM also have a mentoring scheme, and some universities may also offer mentoring schemes.

[Mentoring Platform | CIEEM](#)