Grants Committee

Volunteer members

Would you like to support researchers across the world and influence the research projects that get funded globally?

We are looking for BES members to join our Grants Committee in 2024. We have just launched our new grants portfolio and you will be helping to support one of our key goals, ensuring that 51% of our funding is supporting ecologists in the Global South.
About the Grants Committee

The Grants Committee is directly involved in the decision-making process for the grants applications received by the BES, alongside comments provided by our Review College. It is also responsible for setting the annual budget, reviewing the strategic aims of the Committee and ensuring the needs of the ecological community are being met.

The Society provides grants to promote excellent ecological research, support early career ecologists, help fund training and travel, and to communicate ecological science as widely as possible. In recent years, over £400,000 per annum has been awarded globally through the various society grants. Please look at our website for more details on the individual grant types.

The Committee is chaired by the Vice President of the British Ecological Society, Prof Mark Emmerson.
Who we’re looking for

To achieve a balance of knowledge and skills in our groups, we are especially looking for people who have experience in one or more of the following areas:

- Experience in Pedagogical Research, Interdisciplinary Research or Synthesis groups
- Knowledge of global education pathways
- Knowledge of the different funding sources students may have.

We are also interested in hearing from early career ecologists, people from the Global Majority, Indigenous peoples and people working in areas other than universities, e.g. charities and environmental NGOs.

Reasons to get involved with our Grants work

- Influence the projects and researchers that receive funding
- Impact on a researchers career
- Impact on the Global Ecological Community
- Enhance your skills and professional development by serving on a committee
- Grow your professional network by working alongside likeminded ecologists.
- Exposure to governance and decision making within the BES, helping you build an understanding of how the Society operates
Time involved and out of pocket expenses

- New members of the Committee will be appointed for an initial term of three years, the maximum length of involvement is two terms (or 6 years).
- Members of the Committee are expected to attend **two online meetings a year, usually held in May and November**. Members will be required to read over grant applications prior to these meetings.
- If travel is required to travel for committee activities, the BES will reimburse travel expenses.
- Grants Committee members can be based anywhere in the world.
- Meetings will take place between 9-5 within UK (GMT) business hours. Meetings are typically 5 hours and notice will always be given for attendance at meetings.
How to apply

Please click the green button ‘Apply for this job’ via our recruitment portal to submit:

- **Your CV**

- **A covering letter** - no more than 1x A4 side answering the following questions:

  1. Why are you interesting in this role and what would you like to get out of the experience? (300 words maximum)
  2. What would you hope to achieve during your term of 3 years? (300 words maximum)

We ask these questions because we’re interested in hearing your reasons for taking part and how we could support you to get the most of the opportunity, along with what you’ll add to our committee.

- **Your equality and diversity information** - this voluntary information helps us to assess the diversity of our recruitment and further improve processes in the future. It is not considered as part of the shortlisting process and is used to review our overall volunteer recruitment only.
Key Dates

Closing date: Please apply by 10 March 2024.

We will review your answers as part of your application and we may reach out to ask follow on questions if we need, this may be by email or a telephone/video call.

We will confirm applications by the end of March 2024.

If you have any questions about this role or would like more information, please contact us and we will be happy to answer your questions. Please contact Katie Weston, Volunteer Officer via email on kati ew@britishecologicalsociety.org

Access

If you require access support, please contact Katie Weston (They/Them) Volunteer Officer via email at kati ew@britishecological.org or via phone on +44 20 3994 8282