



GUIDANCE NOTES

BES Undergraduate Summer School 2021

Before applying to the British Ecological Society Undergraduate Summer School 2021 you will need to confirm you have read the following guidance notes.

The emphasis of Summer School 2021 is to bridge the skills gaps you may have encountered over the last year. We want to focus on future leaders and to help you progress with your career in ecology. Within the application process we are seeking your views on the most useful content to include. We have lots of exciting plans in progress but the most important aspect is to provide an experience that will enhance your opportunities to succeed.

Key points to consider before submitting an application:

- Applications in 2021 are open to undergraduate students from the UK AND Ireland from **all year groups** who are studying a degree relating to ecological sciences, including biology and geography. Masters student are not eligible to apply unless studying on an integrated masters and not in the final year.
- You must be available for the week of **12th – 16th July 2021**. Activities will be taking place for most of the week and may include some evening activities. If there is a reason why this is not possible, e.g. caring responsibilities, please contact us and we can discuss how we accommodate this.
- Whilst reviewing your application we will be looking to see how the Summer School will enhance your career. We are not necessarily looking for the applicant with the most experience, rather we are seeking undergraduates who can demonstrate a commitment to ecology and motivation to become a future leader.
- 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.
- The Summer School will be online in 2021 with outdoor activities in your local area. You will be able to participate from home with a laptop and Wi-Fi.
- If you require assistance of some form to be able to participate with the online Summer School please contact the BES as we are committed to support you with this.
- The BES is committed to protecting the privacy and security of your personal information. For details on how we may use your data, please see our [Privacy policy](#)

Please contact Amy Padfield, Education and Engagement Manager at the British Ecological Society on any of the above – amyp@britishecologicalsociety.org

The deadline for applications is 9:00 Tuesday 6 April 2021 – good luck!