

GUIDANCE NOTES

BES Summer School PhD mentors 2021

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

The emphasis of Summer School 2021 is to bridge the skills gaps students have encountered over the last year. We want to focus on future leaders and to help them progress with their career in ecology. The role of the PhD mentor includes the following:

- **Mentoring** – to mentor a group of undergraduate students and help guide them through the Summer School experience. You will be provided with guidance, training and support in order to answer any student queries.
- **Content development** – you are able to expand your skills in content development should you wish but this is not an essential element. There will be outdoor and indoor sessions.
- **Teaching** – you are able to teach a short session within the Summer School where appropriate. This is also a non-essential component.
- **Ask a mentor** – the format of this session is under review however during the week we will be allowing students to speak with mentors outside of their mentor group on specified topics.
- **Digital platform management** – we will be using different digital platforms to use during the week and mentors can get involved in the management of these where appropriate

Time commitment: You will need to be available throughout the whole week 12th – 16th July, with activities taking place for most of the week. This may include some possible 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. If you are designing content for the Summer School there may be busier periods in the run up to the week but this is dependent on the level of time you are able to commit to and is not a requirement.

There will be monthly one hour meetings in the run up to the Summer School at a time agreed to suit all mentors. This will increase to two meetings during June and one in the week before the Summer School in July.

The Summer School will be online in 2021 with outdoor activities in the student's 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 as a mentor we are committed to support you with this.

Whilst reviewing your application we will be looking to see how you feel mentoring at the Summer School will advance your skills. We are keen to work with you to determine the areas you would like to gain experience in and provide support and training where possible.

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 Monday 19 April 2021 – good luck!