



GUIDANCE NOTES - BES Undergraduate Summer School 2022

During the application process to the British Ecological Society Undergraduate Summer School 2022 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 feel that they face or have faced barriers to their career development, whether this may be due to being from an underrepresented group and/or due to other factors (e.g. caring responsibilities).

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

- **Tuesday 12th July 2022** – Online pre-Summer School day 10am – 3pm
- **Friday 15th – Monday 18th July 2022** – in person Summer School at Blencathra FSC Centre, Lake District (travelling to the centre on the Friday and leaving on the Monday)

Following eligibility confirmation, applications will be competitively assessed with 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 that their mobility is reduced or limited, we will get in touch to discuss the venue and location, activities and demands, to work out how we can best accommodate and prepare for the 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/your-personal-data/>). The data in this 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 Amy Padfield, Senior Education and Engagement Manager – amyp@britishecologicalsociety.org and Fiona Le Ray, Education and Engagement Trainee – Fiona@britishecologicalsociety.org at the British Ecological Society.

The deadline for applications is 9:00 (BST) Tuesday 3rd May 2022. All applicants will be informed of the outcome by Monday 9th May – good luck!