

# Which PhD?

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Charles Darwin House, 12 Roger Street, London, WC1N 2JU

Time	Topic	Speaker	Content
<b>09:30</b>	Registration with refreshments available		
<b>10:00</b>	Plenary	BES President: Bill Sutherland	Ecological priorities for the next 10 years
<b>10:30</b>	PhD: Why and when?	Paul Jepson	Is a PhD right for the career you want? When is the best time to do it?
<b>11:00</b>	I'm a Doctor. What next?	TBC	What sort of career options and opportunities will be available
<b>11:30</b>	Break with refreshments		
<b>11:45</b>	Where do ecology, evolution and conservation PhDs come from?	Mike Mulligan	Who funds PhDs? We consider RCUK studentship types (algorithm, CASE research grant etc), then look at other sources (society funded etc). How possible is it to create and get funding for your 'dream' PhD?
<b>12:20</b>	How to find, apply and accept a PhD?	Mike Mulligan	Where and when are advertised PhD projects or PhD funding opportunities advertised? Is every advertised PhD guaranteed to be funded? What are the typical application stages for a PhD studentship? What happens if you potentially get multiple PhD offers? Competition funding v supervisor guaranteed funding, how to apply, being accepted without funding
<b>13:00</b>	Lunch		
<b>13:40</b>	Workshop 1	Karen Devine	How not to write a CV and Cover Letter preparation
<b>14:30</b>	Workshop 2	Libby John	Interview preparation and techniques
<b>15:20</b>	Break - Tea/Coffee		
<b>15:40</b>	What makes a good research project?	Andy Purvis	Novel, Timely, "Two-tailed hypothesis", Critical tests
<b>16:05</b>	Using social media to manage and develop your career.	Tom Ezard	Building a profession profile online and maximising it's impact
<b>16:30</b>	Q and A panel discussion with current PhD students		
<b>17:00</b>	Close of day Opportunities to network and travel together to the evenings events		