

### **Bristol Zoological Society – Herptiles Sandwich Placement:**

The herptile collection at the Bristol Zoo Project is divided into two main areas. The primary collection features species such as the blue tree monitor, pancake tortoise, and mountain chicken frogs. In the education section, we care for reptiles used in handling sessions with our veterinary students, including tortoises, snakes, geckos, and others.

Our ectotherms team are lucky enough to work with and be responsible for the most diverse and fascinating group of animals known. We also have strong links with in-situ and ex-situ conservation programmes including *Lygodactylus williamsi* and mountain chicken frogs, we are also involved in the establishment of newer projects and programmes, like *Astrochelys radiata*. We are also privileged to hold the *Varanus macrae* EEP at Bristol Zoological Society! This is a fantastic opportunity to be involved in the husbandry and research with the team, gaining ever expanding knowledge and skills associated with these challenging and admirable animals. As a sandwich placement student, you would be fully integrated into the daily routines and procedures of the section, learning the fundamentals of our husbandry and life support systems.

#### **Summary:**

To assist the team with all necessary tasks; including animal husbandry, display development, breeding and rearing and general maintenance. You would have the opportunity to use your time here to focus on a specific area of research relevant to your chosen degree course, although that may depend on sectional requirements at the time.

#### **Duties and responsibilities include, but are not limited to:**

- Daily maintenance of the displays/animals (such as: water parameter monitoring, general husbandry, life support care, feeding, enrichment).
- Live food culturing.
- Welfare audits and research.

#### **Skills/qualifications**

- You must be a biology, zoology or related discipline honours degree student, between their 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> years of university.
- You will have a strong interest in herptiles species, a thirst for knowledge and dedication.

#### **Term commitment**

This sandwich placement will begin in September 2026. It is expected that the student will remain in post for at least 9 months.



**If you are interested, please complete the application form below and send this, along with a CV, to [research@bzsociety.org.uk](mailto:research@bzsociety.org.uk). The application deadline is Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2025 with interviews occurring in the subsequent weeks.**

Please note that as we are a charity, we cannot offer paid placements or accommodation. Please ensure that you are able to fund yourself during this period.

**Work Experience / Student Placement Application Form**

**Personal Details**

<b>Name</b>	
<b>Address</b>	
<b>Email</b>	
<b>Telephone number</b>	
<b>School / College</b>	
<b>Address</b>	
<b>Emergency Contact &amp; Relationship</b>	
<b>Telephone number</b>	

**Application Questions**

**Why would you like to complete work experience / a sandwich placement with Bristol Zoological Society?**

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**What learning objectives would you like to meet during your placement? How does this fit with your school / course requirements?**

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**Please describe a time when you have worked as part of a team. What did you enjoy about this?**

**What achievement are you most proud of and why?**

**Other Relevant Information**

**Please use this space to provide any further information in support of your application. (E.g. other relevant skills/experience/interests)**

**Signature**

**Date**