

## **Animal Behaviour & Welfare Placement**

### **Summary:**

Bristol Zoological Society is a conservation and education charity. We are proud of our scientific and evidence-based approach to animal care, including our animal welfare audit system and longitudinal research projects.

The Animal Behaviour & Welfare sandwich year placement, will allow a student to gain experience in zoo-based research and the scientific assessment and advancement of animal welfare.

### **Duties and responsibilities:**

Working alongside the Lecturer in Animal Behaviour & Welfare, the Animal Behaviour & Welfare placement student will:

- Assist with the Bristol Zoological Society animal welfare assessments at Bristol Zoo Project.
- Learn how to observe animal behaviour using a range of methods, then independently undertake observations and environmental measurements (noise level, temperature etc.) at animal enclosures.
- Undertake an animal behaviour or welfare dissertation project (depending on the Universities' requirements for the placement).
- Assist with the editing and production of scientific reports and articles.
- Assist with data processing and statistical analysis.
- Perform various administrative tasks to support the Field Conservation & Science department.

### **Skills/qualifications**

- Currently enrolled as a student on a related degree course (i.e. zoology, animal behaviour, psychology).
- Strong interest in animal behaviour and welfare, as demonstrated by previous or current study and work experience.
- Strong communication skills, both verbal and written.
- The ability to collaborate with colleagues from other departments (such as keepers, curators, vets).
- Ability to handle sensitive data.
- Organisation and time management skills, the ability to meet deadlines.
- Appreciation and interest in a broad range of animal species, including non-mammalian animals.

### **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. This opportunity is only available to those studying at a UK university on a degree programme with a placement year.

**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). Please put 'Behaviour & Welfare Placement' along with your full name in the title of the email. The application deadline is Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2025 with interviews occurring in the subsequent weeks.**

Please note that as a charity, we unfortunately 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 a sandwich placement with Bristol Zoological Society?**

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

**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**