

Freshwater Teleost Sandwich Placement:

Bristol Zoo Project's freshwater teleost collection consists of one main area. The Fish Rooms within the Conservation Education Centre house the freshwater teleost collection and include 13 species and over 50 tanks.

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 pupfish, barombi cichlids, Malagasy cichlids and we are also involved in the establishment of newer projects and programmes, including *Valencia robertae*. We are also privileged to hold the Valenciidae 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, water changes, life support care, feeding).
- Live food culturing.
- Welfare audits and research.

Skills/qualifications

- You must be a biology, zoology or related discipline honours degree student, between their 2 and 3rd years of university.
- You will have a strong interest in freshwater fish, 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 nine months.

If you are interested, please complete the application form below and send this, along with a CV, to research@bzsociety.org.uk. Please put 'Invertebrate Section Placement' along with your full



name in the title of the email. The application deadline is Friday 28th 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	
Name	
Address	
Email	
Telephone number	
School / College	
Address	
Emergency Contact & Relationship	
Telephone number	

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