



Animal Welfare & Ethics 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 Welfare & Ethics 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 Welfare & Ethics 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 ongoing development of our animal observation volunteer project.
- 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 2027. 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. Please put 'Animal Welfare & Ethics Placement' along with your full name in the title of the email. The application deadline is Friday 5th February 2027 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	
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?

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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