

Field Conservation & Science Sandwich Placement:

The Field Conservation and Science (FCS) Department at Bristol Zoological Society is a busy research and teaching department. We teach and supervise students on foundation, undergraduate, and MSc degrees, as well as managing several international field conservation programmes. The team have a varied array of research interests including conservation science, primatology, human-wildlife interactions, captive management and welfare, and animal behaviour.

During a placement with the Field Conservation and Science team, students are expected to take responsibility for a particular research project or similar activity. Students will be given the opportunity to develop their practical skills, to relate their academic abilities to the needs of an employer, and to learn how a conservation organisation operates.

Summary:

Assist the FCS team with small scale research projects; this could include data collection, analysis, writing reports or lending a hand with tasks linked to our conservation projects (e.g. literature reviews and grant writing). This is a desk-based position supporting our international conservation programmes (<https://www.bristolzoo.org.uk/conservation>).

Students will also be expected to use their time to focus on a specific area of research relevant to their chosen degree course. For example, previous students have completed projects examining the impact of climate on bird community structure in the Philippines, investigating the distribution of Visayan warty pigs and drivers of illegal hunting in the Philippines, and using population viability analysis to predict the effects of retaliatory killings on Sanje mangabeys in Tanzania.

Duties and responsibilities may include, but are not limited to:

- Assisting with the editing and production of scientific reports and articles
- Data processing and statistical analysis (e.g. camera trap image processing, GIS mapping, data visualisation in R)
- Developing and conducting research projects
- Performing various administrative tasks to support the Field Conservation & Science department (e.g. translating documents, auditing budgets, reviewing literature, creating communications materials)

Skills/qualifications

- Must be a student with a minimum 2.1 in related discipline (e.g. biology, zoology, wildlife conservation), between their 2nd and 3rd years of university
- Strong interest in conservation science, as demonstrated by previous or current study and work experience
- Strong communication skills, both verbal and written
- Dedication, hard work, and passion to learn are most important
- Happy to work independently with good organisation and time management skills



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 'Field Conservation & Science Placement' along with your full name in the title of the email. The application deadline is the Friday 5th February 2027 with interviews occurring in the following 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