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Lowland Game & Wildlife Research (LGR) Student Placement 2025/2026

Background

The Game & Wildlife Conservation Trust is an independent wildlife conservation charity. It has a large research group of 60+ scientists that carry out research into game, associated species and habitats, from its HQ at Fordingbridge, Hampshire and at out-stations throughout the country. The Trust's main areas of interest encompass farmland, moorland, woodland and river management for game and other wildlife.

The Placement

The LGR undertakes research relating to lowland game and wildlife and the habitats they share, in particular woodlands and farmland. The research is usually applied and based on a fieldwork data collection programme. There are currently ongoing studies of the effect of releasing gamebirds for shooting on other wildlife, for example woodland birds and on generalist predators such as foxes and buzzards.

The LGR consists of two permanent staff and other students and sometimes contract staff. Overall LGR research work involves a combination of surveying wildlife and habitats, monitoring game, laboratory work, data handling, analysis and interpretation and reporting. There is a likelihood that the emphasis for the 2025/26 placement may be more on data handling and interpretation, so some computing skills related to dataset investigations might be especially useful.

More generally you will gain experience in ecological experimental design, database construction and data analysis, and field work techniques. There would be the opportunity to work on more than one project, within the LGR or between departments within The GWCT as a whole.

We require a confident and able student with an interest in or at least an appreciation of game management for a placement in 2025/2026. As indicated some data handling skills might be useful as would some wildlife identification skills although a motivation to learn those might be enough. For a successful candidate we can provide accommodation based at Fordingbridge, a small remuneration package (£131/week stipend) plus expenses and a vehicle where needed for work. It is usually necessary that you are a confident driver for our placements.

The closing date for applying is 6th January 2025, with interviews taking place between 20th – 31st January. To apply, please send your CV and a very short covering letter explaining why you are interested in the placement to:

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