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NERC Innovation Placements 2017

The **Joint Nature Conservation Committee (JNCC)** is offering to host placements under the **NERC-funded Innovation Placements Call 2017** that support the implementation of our strategy. JNCC is dependent on good quality scientific evidence to inform conservation policy now and for the future of the UK.

JNCC is the public body that advises the UK Government and devolved administrations on UK-wide and international nature conservation. The JNCC brings together members from the nature conservation bodies for England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland as well as independent members appointed by the Secretary of State for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs under an independent Chair. The company employs around 160 people that bring together scientific and technical expertise, extensive knowledge of policy at global, European and national levels. We have offices in Peterborough and Aberdeen.

JNCC delivers the UK and international responsibilities to advise Governments on the development and implementation of policies for, or affecting, nature conservation in the UK and internationally; we:

- Provide advice and disseminate knowledge on nature conservation issues affecting the UK and internationally
- Create common standards throughout the UK for nature conservation, including monitoring, research, and the analysis of results
- Commission or support research that is deemed relevant to these functions.

We have statutory responsibilities under several pieces of legislation and European regulations.

Researchers can expect to operate at either of our offices in Peterborough or Aberdeen or between the two. A placement is an excellent opportunity to gain understanding of working in a science based evidence policy organisation serving the needs of the UK Governments. JNCC is a large conservation based organisation and offers the opportunity to share insights, scientific expertise and new knowledge that can influence and shape the future of the organisation and across the conservation community.

Placements could involve a range of activities, the following suggestions are not exclusive or exhaustive; we welcome consideration in many of the areas in which we work;

- Marine protected areas
- Earth observation

- Data manipulation and visualisation
- Natural capital
- Innovative monitoring methods and developments
- Environmental policy

Application Process:

All applicants considering undertaking a placement with the JNCC are required in the first instance to register with Professor Jason Weeks by contacting Jason.weeks@jncc.gov.uk at the soonest opportunity. Before contacting us, please ensure that you have read and fully comply with the NERC placement eligibility requirements outlined in the main call document.

Placement proposals must be co-developed with a JNCC member of staff. The initial point of contact is Professor Jason Weeks but discussions with other staff will be an essential part of this process. We will work with potential applicants to fully develop their ideas and confirm whether we can support your application at the soonest opportunity. The chosen applicants will then need to ensure that they are able to develop and submit their application to NERC by 16.00 on the 29th June 2017.

For more general queries about this call, please contact:

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