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NERC Innovation Placements 2017

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The National Trust is offering to host placements under the NERC-funded Innovation Placements Call 2017 that support the implementation of our strategy '[Playing Our Part](#)' and our new [research strategy](#). With 250,000ha of land to look after, the National Trust is keen to ensure that we have robust evidence to inform our management actions based on the best available science. A placement with us is an excellent opportunity to gain an understanding of the day-to-day operation of a large conservation organisation and in turn share scientific expertise in a way that influences management and thinking inside the organisation and potentially across the sector.

Researchers can expect to spend time at the National Trust's head office in Swindon, but also in our regional offices and properties as required. Placements are expected to start on 1 November 2017.

Placements could involve a range of activities such as:

- Communicating science to and engaging with NT staff, volunteers and visitors;
- Providing expert advice to the Trust to inform business decisions;
- Analysing and synthesising existing datasets;
- Identifying research translation opportunities.

Researchers engaged on a National Trust placement will be expected to produce a series of outputs for communication within and outside the National Trust. These will be determined at the outset of the project but could include some or all of the following:

- A report to the National Trust on key findings and recommendations;
- Material for the National Trust website and intranet (blogs, video);
- A review paper for the conservation management community.

Application Process:

All applicants interested in undertaking a placement with the National Trust are required to register their interest by contacting research@nationaltrust.org.uk by **Friday 12 May 2017** (and preferably well in advance of this deadline). Before contacting us, please ensure that you have read and fully comply with the NERC placement eligibility requirements outlined in the main call document.

Placements proposals must be co-developed with a National Trust member of staff. Applicants needing help with finding an appropriate member of staff should contact research@nationaltrust.org.uk. The Trust will be holding an internal meeting to decide which placement applications to support in mid-May, and we will contact applicants by the end of May to confirm whether or not we can support their application. The chosen applicants will then need to work up a full funding application to be submitted to NERC by 16:00 on 29 June 2017.