Upcoming training opportunities

**Global Food Security (GFS) Speak Up for Food Security**

In 2019, Global Food Security (GFS) launched a new research communication competition for UKRI-funded PhD and postdocs called Speak Up for Food Security. Following its resounding success, the competition has been re-launched again this year with a greater focus on storytelling.

To reflect the breadth of the GFS challenge, we’re keen to reach as many early career researchers from as many different disciplines as possible.

**What:** ‘Speak Up for Food Security’ research storytelling competition

**The prize:** A 2-day research storytelling masterclass in central London (all expenses paid) and a chance to present in the final at Cambridge Science Festival 2020.

**Who:** UKRI council-funded PhDs and post-docs from any discipline whose research (directly or indirectly) links into the food security challenge

**Closes:** Sunday 26th January 2019

**Web link:** [Speak Up for Food Security Archives - Global Food Security](#)
Royal Entomological Society Postgraduate Forum

Bristol, 20th-21st February 2020

Registrations for the annual Postgraduate Forum (PG Forum) organised by the Royal Entomological Society is now open!

The event will be held in Bristol on the 20th and 21st of February 2020.

To register, and for more information, please select the following link: https://www.royensoc.co.uk/meeting/2020-pg-forum

The event is open to all those with an interest, academic or otherwise, in insects. The event aims to allow students to present their work in a friendly and engaging environment, whilst also offering networking opportunities.

NERC Arctic Station Day, 27 February 2020

The NERC Arctic Office and the British Antarctic Survey will be jointly hosting an Arctic Station Open Day on Thursday 27 February 2020 at the Aurora Innovation Centre, British Antarctic Survey, from 1100 (registration from 1030) to 1500. If you would like to know more about the UK’s only Arctic research facility in Ny-Ålesund, Svalbard, meet researchers who have worked there, discuss your research ideas with the Station Manager, Nick Cox and much much more, then this is a fantastic opportunity. The informal event is for anyone who would like to work at the Station in the near future, or would like to meet those who will, or you just have an idea of a future project and would like to discuss it with the team, please come along and be part of the Arctic Station Open Day. The day will consist of a mixture of presentations on the Station’s capabilities, recently supported science projects, face to face opportunities to meet researchers and the Station team. A detailed programme will be available by early February. Please register for this event here: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/nerc-arctic-station-day-2020-registration-85762960323 Refreshments and a light lunch will be provided. Registration is free! If you have any questions, please contact arctic@bas.ac.uk

Advanced Scripting and Computing Techniques: Become More Efficient and Productive

University of Manchester, 30th March - 4th April 2020

Please see the attached flyer for details - deadline for applications is 1st March 2020.

Upcoming Environmental Biology Training Course

16th-19th March 2020

A four-day postgraduate skills training course analysing very large environmental and ecological datasets with advanced multivariate statistics (including big data analysis). This short course aims to provide integrated training for those needing a skillset of statistical approaches for industry-specific applications in ecology and environmental science, relevant to student research and employability needs.
The course fills a widening gap in skills provision in the current UK research landscape. The ability to analyse and interpret data underpins all ecological research and decision making: core skills valued not only by academics, but also by industrial employers such as institutes, NGOs and consultants. Priority will be given to NERC funded PhD students.

**British Antarctic Survey Advanced Training Short Course - Safe and Effective Fieldwork in the Polar Regions**

Provisional dates: 19 August - 1st September 2020

Please see the attached flyer for details - deadline for applications is 13th March 2020

**NERC training course - Evidence Synthesis to inform policy and business decision-making (developed by UK CEH)**

Wallingford, nr Oxford, Wednesday 5th February

Please see here for details: [Evidence Synthesis to inform policy and business decision-making](#)

**NERC workshop - Sustainable Management of UK Marine Resources**

Tuesday 31st March 2020

The workshop will focus on the Sustainable Management of UK Marine Resources (SMMR) research programme. Registration for the event will open soon: go to [https://nerc.ukri.org/research/funded/programmes/marine-resources/uk-marine-resources-news/sustainable-management-of-uk-marine-resources-workshop/](https://nerc.ukri.org/research/funded/programmes/marine-resources/uk-marine-resources-news/sustainable-management-of-uk-marine-resources-workshop/).

**Transforming Environmental Data in R**


Students £399

Professionals £499

(early bird discount ends 28/2/2020, then £60 more)

This 2-day course will help you understand the benefits of data transformation tools (such as R). You will learn about aspects such as auditable workflow, repeatability, time-saving, improving efficiency and reduced risk of data loss. You will participate in practical data transformation tool exercises using real environmental datasets to combine and manipulate datasets in different formats from different sources, leading to analysis-ready data. The course also covers cleaning and validation of datasets and best-practice for documentation of scripts and workflows.

Project opportunity at Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew - Science Festival

This year, Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, have opportunities for interns to work on our Science Festival, which will take place at Wakehurst in Sussex at the end of May and at Kew in July. More information about recent science festivals is available from [https://www.kew.org/science/engage/get-involved/science-festival](https://www.kew.org/science/engage/get-involved/science-festival). Interested students can apply by sending a CV and covering letter to kewscience@kew.org by 27 January.

Internship opportunity at Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew - State of the World’s Plants and Fungi Symposium Intern

Two internships available, associated with the State of the World’s Plants and Fungi symposium which takes place in September this year. This high profile international science and policy symposium is a key event in Kew’s annual calendar, accompanying the publication of a major scientific report: [www.kew.org/science/state-of-the-worlds-plants-and-fungi](http://www.kew.org/science/state-of-the-worlds-plants-and-fungi). Kew are looking for two interns with an interest in event management and science engagement to support the planning and delivery of this symposium – one internship would run from mid-April to mid-July and the second from early July to the end of September.

Anyone who is interested can apply by sending a CV and covering letter to kewscience@kew.org by 12 February.

Courses from UK CEH

**Field Electronics and Sensors**
1 day (beginner or advanced) – please ask
2 days £419 (save £30)
**Only 2 places remaining!**
Wallingford 11 &12 February - Sign up and pay online here: [https://enterprise.mitingu.com/ceh-events/field-electronics-and-sensors-wallingford-feb-2020#registration](https://enterprise.mitingu.com/ceh-events/field-electronics-and-sensors-wallingford-feb-2020#registration)

**Water Land and crop management**
£699 (save £50)

**Using Drones to map habitat**
£529 (save £20)