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1 PhD studentship in School of Animal, Rural and Environmental Sciences

**Untangling the roles of prey availability, habitat quality
and predation as predictors of hedgehog abundance**

Applications are invited for a PhD studentship, to be undertaken at Nottingham Trent University (School of Animal, Rural and Environmental Sciences). The studentship is funded by Nottingham Trent University and the People's Trust for Endangered Species. Supervision will be led by Dr. Richard Yarnell, School of Animal Rural and Environmental Sciences (NTU Brackenhurst Campus), in conjunction with Professor Dez Delahay (Animal and Plant Health Agency) and Dr Phil Baker (University of Reading). The student will be primarily based at the Brackenhurst campus of Nottingham Trent University.

AWARD

The studentship will pay UK/EU fees and provide a maintenance stipend linked to the RCUK rate for up to three years. Applications from non-EU students are welcome, but a successful candidate would be responsible for paying the difference between non-EU and UK/EU fees. (Fees for 2017/18 are £12,900 for non-EU students and £4,195 for UK/EU students and are subject to annual increase.

HOW TO APPLY

For further details please see the web site here:

<https://www.ntu.ac.uk/research/doctoral-school/studentships>

You can obtain an application form, notes for completion and guidance from our webpages [here](#)

ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must have a first class BSc (Hons) degree (or equivalent) and preferably a Masters degree with commendation/merit or distinction in a ecology, conservation science or a related discipline.

Please note that this scholarship is only available for new applicants. Existing PhD students are not eligible to apply

ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

The minimum English language proficiency requirement for candidates who have not undertaken a higher degree at a UK HE institution is IELTS 6.5 (with a minimum of 6.0 in all skills).

HOW TO APPLY

To apply for this studentship, you should submit:

1. a fully completed application form (please ensure you read the guidance notes that accompany the form)
2. copies of your academic certificates and University transcripts
3. copies of your English Language Proficiency certificates (if applicable)
4. a full CV
5. a covering letter addressing your suitability for the PhD and highlighting your research interests

All documents should be submitted electronically to doctoralschool@ntu.ac.uk

The **closing date** for receipt of completed application forms is **5pm (UK time) on 31st July 2017**. This deadline will be strictly adhered to. Application by CV only or incomplete applications will **not** be accepted.

Interviews will be held on 24th August 2017.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Doctoral School at doctoralschool@ntu.ac.uk if you have any further queries about the application process.

For informal enquiries, please contact Dr Richard Yarnell (richard.yarnell@ntu.ac.uk)

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BY WHAT CRITERIA WILL APPLICATIONS BE JUDGED?

The following criteria will be used to judge applications and rank candidates:

- The previous academic and career achievements of the applicant
- The applicant's potential for undertaking a successful PhD project, as demonstrated by the information provided on the application form
- The degree of fit with the project

In assessing your previous academic and career achievements, we will consider the following factors:

- Your academic profile
- Relevant work experience (especially, in a research, policy, professional or managerial role in a field directly relevant to the project)

Funding Notes

This Studentship is partly funded by a commercial third party and is conditional on receipt of funds therefrom.

This Studentship is also subject to the condition that the successful candidate enters into a legally binding agreement with Nottingham Trent University and a commercial 3rd party.