







GWCT Wales
Student Placement 2027/2028

Background

The Game and Wildlife Conservation Trust (GWCT) are a UK-based independent wildlife research and conservation charity founded in 1931 in England. Through science-led research, the GWCT works with farmers, land managers, gamekeepers, policymakers and conservation practitioners to develop practical solutions that support biodiversity and sustainable land use across farmland, uplands, woodlands, and wetlands.

GWCT Cymru/Wales delivers research, advisory and demonstration projects across Wales, helping to improve the management of wildlife, habitats and natural resources while supporting resilient farming systems and rural communities.

The Placement

We are offering one student placement with GWCT Wales for the 2027/28 academic year. The placement can be undertaken for up to 12 months (or a shorter period if required by your course) and provides a unique opportunity to gain practical experience in conservation research and wildlife management across Wales.

The successful candidate will work alongside the GWCT Wales team led by Director Lee Oliver, on a range of projects focused on the conservation of wildlife and habitats. Duties are likely to include ecological field surveys, habitat assessments, wildlife monitoring, data management and analysis, GIS mapping, stakeholder engagement and science communication. There will also be opportunities to gain experience with emerging technologies such as drones and artificial intelligence applications for ecological monitoring.

The placement is primarily delivered through a combination of remote working and fieldwork across Wales. As a result, students will be required to arrange their own accommodation within Wales in a location mutually agreed with GWCT Wales, although we will endeavor to assist with this where possible.

Much of the role will involve outdoor fieldwork, often in remote locations and variable weather conditions. We are therefore seeking enthusiastic and motivated students with a keen interest in conservation and ecology who are comfortable working outdoors and part of a small, friendly team.

A stipend of **£131 per week** will be provided. Training and support will be available throughout the placement, and prior experience or interest of wildlife surveying, bird identification, GIS, data analysis, communications, drones or AI tools would be advantageous but is not essential.

Applicants should be proficient in Microsoft Office applications and able to demonstrate strong organisational skills and attention to detail. A full UK driving license is required before the placement begins, and the ability to speak Welsh would be an advantage.

To Apply

To apply please send a CV, a cover letter explaining why you are interested in the placement, and arrange to have your tutor send a reference to the contact below by 10 January 2027. Interviews will be held online during January and February 2027.

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