

PhD Placement

The British Society of Soil Science (BSSS) is seeking PhD students to join its team, on placements required as part of their PhD stipend.

The BSSS is the UK's leading body in the area of soil science with a global reach. We strive to secure the future of soils by promoting an enhanced understanding of the critical importance of soils in delivering the U.N. Sustainable Development Goals and supplying knowledge, through our science to support efforts to halt and repair soil degradation. We aim to make a positive difference in the sustainable management and long-term security of soils that is critical to solving the environmental and societal challenges we face today. The Society is a registered charity.

The PhD student would support our office team in delivering the Society's strategic plan 2020 – 2025 which seeks to:

1. Publicise the key issues for the soil science community
2. Promote change through knowledge exchange across all aspects of soil science
3. Host conferences and meetings focused on soils
4. Support and encouraging the education of soil science
5. Inspire the future generations of soil scientists
6. Ensure high standards of professional practice for those working with soils
7. Lead on the social and environmental responsibilities of a contemporary society.

The placement student would be responsible for working on a, or a number of discreet projects, to suit their interests and the needs of the Society. This could include:

- attending committee meetings, taking minutes and providing input
- providing communications and events support across our webinars, face-to-face events, websites, social media and other communications activities
- managing discreet projects, such as: developing and managing Society merchandise, supporting the development of guidance notes or attending public outreach events.

The role could be flexible to suit the needs of the candidate and Society and could be offered as (for example) a three-month block placement, or one-day each week for a year.

Placements are open to students with an existing stipend in place, and the stipend would cover the costs of attending the placement. The role would therefore be unremunerated, although reasonable expenses will be paid.

Person Specification

- Commitment to the organisation and its objectives
- Willingness to devote the required time and effort to fulfil their duties
- A starter-finisher with the ability to follow an idea through to delivery
- Good independent judgement and the ability to think creatively
- Prepared to express their opinion, whilst working as part of a team.

Further Information

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