



## North York Moors National Park

### Research Student Placement 2017-18 – Conservation Department

The North York Moors National Park is one of the most beautiful landscapes in the UK with 25,000 residents and nine million visitors. Our first purpose is to ensure that the North York Moors retains its special qualities. We aim to be a beacon for biodiversity.

#### The Placement

The successful student will be based in the Conservation department in Helmsley working alongside Conservation department staff. He or she will work on a range of interesting projects and will help with the day-to-day work of the department. There will also be opportunities to get involved in practical field work and engage with volunteers, National Park residents and conservation officers from other organisations.

The student will lead on a research project. The precise subject will be finalised in discussion with the student, taking into account his or her skills and interests.

This will be the fourth time we've taken a yearlong placement like this. Emily Collins, one of our previous interns, had this to say about her experience with us:

*"Real-life conservation is nothing like it is in the textbooks. It's not about remembering the equation for species richness; it's about being able to stand in the field and identify the flora and fauna around you, negotiate funding, engage with landowners, share information and thinking outside the box. You could study every ecology module on the syllabus and you still wouldn't get an idea of what it's like to work in conservation. My placement at the North York Moors National Park has been invaluable in providing the opportunity for me to engage with experts in the field, gain practical ID training and show me that actually, conservation is a brilliant alternative to work in the lab."*

If you're interested in being our next placement please read on!



**Placement duration**

One year: 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018.

**Pay**

Training Bursary of £5,000 will be paid in monthly instalments.

**Working hours**

Full time, 37 hour week, Flexible working hours.

**Other benefits**

25 days annual leave per annum plus bank holidays. Work wear. Continuing Professional Development / training provided.

For an informal discussion please email [conservation@northyorkmoors.org.uk](mailto:conservation@northyorkmoors.org.uk).

**Experience/personal skills required**

The student should have a good understanding of general ecological and land management principles. The ability to work independently, leading a research project is essential (with support from staff at the National Park). A full, clean driving licence is also essential for the post.

The position will involve both outdoor working and office based work. Students should be proficient in computer use and should be confident using Microsoft Office software. Experience of using Geographical Information Systems (GIS) would be beneficial.

**Submission requirements**

Please send a CV and covering letter by email to Ian Nicholls [i.nicholls@northyorkmoors.org.uk](mailto:i.nicholls@northyorkmoors.org.uk)  
Your letter should explain why you are interested in this placement, what you think that you can contribute and what you hope to get from it in terms of your skills/personal development.

Submissions must be received no later than **5pm on Friday 27 January 2017**.