

Bayesian methods for ecological and environmental modelling

# Scoring criteria for applicants for a free place on the training

## 22-26 January 2024 & 18-22 March 2024

We expect the training to be oversubscribed. We are using the application survey and scoring criteria to ensure a fair and transparent allocation of available places.

### Equality, Diversity and Inclusion

UKCEH is fully committed to Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. Please find more detail in the [UKCEH Equality, Diversity & Inclusion Policy](#). We welcome applications from a wide range of candidates with different backgrounds from a number of recruiting avenues. Please state any special requirements or reasonable adjustment we need to be aware of during the application process. We seek to make reasonable adjustments so we can support attendance and participation, where needed (e.g. transport to the training venue by car, avoidance of allergens etc)

PhD = Postdoctoral student, ECR = Early Careers Researcher

### Financial aspects

We would like to acknowledge the funding from the Natural Environment Research Council, which enables the training to be offered free of charge (including accommodation) and also the reimbursement of travel costs.

As these are public funds, we need to be prudent in the way we spend money on travel and accommodation costs and have therefore included such aspects in our scoring criteria.

### Eligibility criteria

Any current PhD student registered with a UK university and any professional resident in the UK is eligible to apply. We are particularly encouraging applications from PhD students and Early Career Researchers.

You must have at least 20% of your current PhD or 20% of your professional work role funded by NERC to be eligible to apply.

#### **You will not be offered a place if you are:**

- Not registered as a PhD student with a UK university nor working for an UK employer.
- Receiving less than 20% of your PhD or job funding from NERC
- Found to have made incorrect statements on any of the questions relevant to the scoring
- Proposing to travel by plane within GB (unless exceptional circumstances or medical indication applies)
- Select the training venue that is clearly further away (and more expensive to travel) from the town/city you would start your journey at.

## Scoring criteria

Some of the questions in the [online application form](#) relate to the following scoring criteria:

Criteria	Scoring (points)	Max points
Proportion of your PhD/ work role funded by NERC	5 points for every 10% funded by NERC (we are assuming that for many PhD students part of a NERC-funded CDT/ DTP, this could be 100%)	50
Status	PhD 20 ECR 14 (up to 5 years since highest-level qualification) ECR 10 (up to 5 years since highest-level qualification) Other 0	20
Reason for applying and purpose – future use	Assessment score by evaluator reason 0-5 purpose 0-5	10
Sustainable Transport	walk/cycle 10 car (essential) 10 public transport 8 car 3 plane 0	10
Accommodation	Not required 5 Required 0	5
Date applied	By 19 September 5 By 3 October 3 By 17 October 1 Later 0	5
<b>Total</b>		<b>100</b>

We will rank the applications by score, separate for Edinburgh and Wallingford.

We will offer the top 16 ranking applicants a place. Everyone else will remain on the waiting list. If we have a cancellation/ withdrawal from a successful applicant, we will offer a place to the next highest-scoring person on the waiting list. From 2 weeks before the event onwards, we will offer any vacant places to all applicants on a first come-first-serve basis.

If you have any further questions about the scoring criteria, please contact Dr Ingo Schüder via [UKCEHtraining@ceh.ac.uk](mailto:UKCEHtraining@ceh.ac.uk)