

NERC Consultancy Innovation Programme 2022/23 Information for Students

General Information on Placements

ECCI has launched the NERC Consultancy Innovation Programme for 2022/23. The programme is on the hunt for interested PhD NERC funded students seeking meaningful consultancy research placement in a third sector or business environment. Consultancy opportunities are available within the following research areas: climate adaptation and mitigation, environmental pollution, food and land use, global climate change and weather patterns, water and water governance. Previous host organizations include: Seawater Solutions (<https://www.seawatersolutions.org/>), SilviBio (<https://www.silvibio.com/>), AstroAgency (<https://astroagency.co.uk/>), Inmotion Group (<https://www.i-g.co/>), Climate XChange (<https://www.climatexchange.org.uk/>), SCCS Scottish Carbon Capture and Storage (<https://www.sccs.org.uk/>), Carbomap (<https://www.carbomap.xyz/>), and Waterwhelm (<https://www.waterwhelm.com/>).

The consultancy opportunities are fully funded for DTP-funded students (E4 DTP, NPIF) – payment is an extension of £13.31/hour. **Non-DTP-funded students can undertake a placement but they cannot be paid.** The placements run from November 2022 - May 2023 and may be conducted entirely or in parts remotely. The consultancy placement duration can be either 5 or 10 days (i.e., 35 or 70 hours) over a maximum of 10 weeks. ECCI try to offer every student applicant a placement but this cannot be guaranteed.

How to get a placement:

The process:

- 1.) Fill in the following form to register interest for a placement, please detail your choice of industry and skills so that we can match you with a relevant project - we cannot match up students that do not provide this. ECCI cannot guarantee a research placement. We do try our best to match up students and businesses, but it is not always possible. We will match host organisations and students in November 2022 and will contact you if we require further information.

<https://edinburgh.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/ecci-nerc-consultancy-programme-2022-23-student>

- 2.) If you are offered a placement, we initially set up a meeting or phone call for you and the host organisation to discuss the project, logistics, etc.
- 3.) Following the initial meeting with the host organisation, if you are both happy with the work, please email Kristin (kristin.hopfe@ed.ac.uk) to confirm hours/days. You will be asked to sign a contract with the host organisation to ensure the work is completed.
- 4.) Consultancy placement starts.
- 5.) End of consultancy placement. Please sign and return timesheet to Kristin. We will then ask you to complete a short feedback survey.

Terms and Conditions

Placements must be completed between November 2022 and May 2023.

Placements are subject to right to work checks (for students).

E4 DTP and NPIF students will receive payment for their placement at the rate of £13.31/hour (max 70 hours), through a one-off extra-stipend payment, one month after completion of the placement or in June 2023 at the latest and after receipt of a timesheet recording the hours/days worked.

Students **MUST** consult their supervisors prior to agreeing to the placement (supervisors are required to sign contract agreements).

Please ensure you are given clear outputs for the placement (e.g. 4 page report).

You are not required to work for more than your allocated time and work required to work outside of normal business working hours (unless agreed with host organisation in advance and put within contract).

NERC cannot cover travel costs – these have to be covered by the host organisation (most students and organisations are based centrally).

You must complete a feedback form at the end of the placement.

You must communicate with the host organisation to keep a record of hours worked.

You must notify ECCI when the placement starts and when it has been completed.

A reference will be provided at the end of the placement.

Further Information

For any further information needed please contact Kristin Hopfe at the ECCI:
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