

## My CareerHub SERT project adverts for projects that can count as placements

### Placement opportunity title

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<b>Project title:</b>	Purbeck Heaths SERT 2019
<b>Project location:</b>	Purbeck, near Corfe Castle, Dorset
<b>Project time (month):</b>	First two weeks of July 2019 for the field work. This will count as 10 placement days. There are opportunities to extend the placement for longer up to 5 weeks by doing additional work such as report writing, producing posters and additional lab work. Please contact Anita Diaz to discuss.

### Project Description

The Dorset Heaths are internationally special and this SERT works with the National Trust "Wild Purbeck" vision to re-connect heaths by the exciting creation of the UK's first landscape –scale National Nature Reserve (NNR). The new Purbeck Heaths NNR will comprise 2986 ha in total, including land owned and/or managed by Natural England, RSPB, Forestry Commission, Amphibian & Reptile Conservation Trust and the National Trust. The aim of this SERT is to measure monitor changes in wildlife living in the heaths in response to changing environments and conservation management. This summer we will be carrying out field surveys of heathland areas from Studland to Arne and comparing them with results we obtained in previous years. You can find out more about the 2017 survey here

<http://www.cocreate4science.org/serts/?entry=1427>

This will give you a feel of what this SERT will be like although we will be addressing slightly different core research questions focused entirely on heathlands. Students will be able to either camp for free or travel in daily.

All students will be part of the core survey teams surveying plant and insect wildlife for two weeks of field survey in July. Full training will be given in plant and insect identification and this is an excellent opportunity to build up skills and experience in wildlife surveying while making a difference to conservation! We will also be working in close partnership with the National

Trust and “Back from the Brink” so this is also a great way of becoming known in the conservation community.

In addition to the core wildlife survey work, there are opportunities to be more involved and have a longer placement than two weeks by taking on leadership roles or being involved in the production of additional research such as soils analysis and outputs such as posters, maps and reports. As a result this SERT will suit students wanting to develop a varied range of skills in ecology, biology, environmental science and geography. BU staff will be happy to discuss how we might be able to tailor your additional involvement to suit your interests.

**Student groups this opportunity is likely to most suit:**

Ecology & Wildlife Conservation, Environmental Sciences, Geography, Biological Sciences, MSc Biodiversity Conservation.

**How much will it cost?**

Nothing (you will need to provide your own food).

**How many days placement will this count as?**

Negotiable with Anita Diaz– at least 10 days, easily up to 15 days and possibly longer if extra work is included.

**How many student places are available?**

16

**How to apply or find out more information**

For further information contact Anita Diaz

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To apply please send Anita your CV and a short letter of application explaining why you would like to apply. If accepted onto the placement you must also register your placement place with Julie Gill through myCareerhub for it to count officially as a BU placement.

**Deadline for application**

31<sup>st</sup> Jan 2019