Doctoral Training Policy and Evidence Placement

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| **Project Assessing Welsh Fishing Activities** | |
| **Title:** Assessing Welsh Fishing Activities - Literature Reviews | |
| **Description (250 words max):**  The Assessing Welsh Fishing Activities Project is a large multi-year project being delivered by Natural Resources Wales on behalf of Welsh Government. The Project is completing a suite of assessments on the impacts from different types of fishing gears on protected marine habitats and species. A number of high risk assessments have already been published on [Natural Resources Wales / Assessing Welsh fishing activities in Marine Protected Areas](https://naturalresources.wales/about-us/our-projects/marine-projects/assessing-welsh-fishing-activities/?lang=en) web pages. In 2022-2023 the Project will be focussed on completing a number of assessments between fishing gears and mobile species (fish, birds, mammals).  The successful applicant will identify and collate relevant research on the impact of fishing gears on fish, mammals, and birds – cataloguing and summarising the key findings that can later be incorporated into a suite of fishing activity interaction assessments. This will require the ability to be succinct, identify key points, extract and summarise material, group findings into similar pressures or pathways of interaction/effect. The applicant will also perform some proof and copy editing functions on draft interaction assessments. | |
| **Details** | |
| **Skills required:** | Ability to be succinct, identify key points, extract and summarise material, group findings into similar pressures or pathways of interaction/effect. |
| **Anticipated outputs:** | Literature reviews to underpin a suite of fishing activity interaction assessments between fishing gears and mobile species (fish, mammals, and birds). |
| **Host organisation:** | Natural Resources Wales |
| **Development opportunities** | The placement provides an opportunity to gain insight into the functioning of Natural Resources Wales and evidenced based decision making within the Welsh environment context. The post-holder will work in and across interesting and diverse teams, and their contributions to tackling the nature and climate emergencies will be highly valued.  The post-holder will be expected to work independently within parameters and guidelines provided by Natural Resources Wales. Working closely with a wide range of colleagues the successful candidate will build valuable working relationships, broaden their knowledge of this sector, and enhance their existing transferable skills.  The student will join a team who manage a diverse range of programmes providing technical and advisory support across our Operational and Evidence, Policy, and Permitting directorates.  This is a fantastic opportunity to understand how research and evidence is used to inform decisions. With support from their NRW supervisor, the student will be expected to take responsibility for managing and delivery of work commitments during the placement period. |
| **Duration:** | Three months, full time. |
| **Location and working environment:** | Flexible and home based |
| **Start Date:** | As soon as possible |
| **Application criteria** | Natural Resources Wales (NRW) can only accept applications to the PhD student placement programme from registered students who are within their funded period.  All applicants must seek approval from their academic supervisor before applying |
| **Funding** | |
| The placement will be funded by NRW and will match the current UKRI PhD stipend rate. The payment process aims to compliment PhD student university stipend payment structures, i.e. NRW pay the university and the funds are passed-on to the student’s account. To avoid delays to students receiving payments, it is preferable that the student’s PhD stipend is not paused during the placement and that, instead, it continues and that NRW reimburse the university for the time the student is not undertaking research. Please note: we do not pay students directly. | |
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| **Application process** | Please submit the equal opportunities form, your CV and a short covering letter, explaining why you are suitable for this placement to Lleoliadau@cyfoethnaturiolcymru.gov.uk  NOTE: All applicants must confirm that they have received authorisation to take an interruption of studies from their academic supervisor  If you have an impairment or health condition, or use British Sign Language and need to discuss reasonable adjustments for any part of the placement programme, or wish to discuss how we will support you if you are to be successful, please contact lleoliadau@cyfoethnaturiolcymru.gov.uk as soon as possible to discuss your requirements and any questions you may have. |