Placement Opportunity

**Greenwillows Associates Ltd**, a family-run ecological consultancy, in collaboration with The Open University and Santander Universities are offering a paid placement as an **Assistant Ecologist**.

The role includes a mix of field work and office work, designed to give you a fantastic insight into ecological work and habitat management. You may be supporting with bat, water vole or reptile surveys, collating biological records, or assisting with supervised destructive search and translocation of amphibians, water voles and reptiles. This placement is over 50 days in total, and full or part time hours are available. You can find out more about this placement via the [Assistant Ecologist JobZone post](https://www.open.ac.uk/jobs/assistant-ecologist).

Featured jobs and opportunities:

**NHS Scientist Training Programme**: This 3 year training programme includes work-based and academic learning, where you will complete a part-time master’s degree at the university offering your chosen specialism. Discover more at [The National School of Healthcare Science website](https://www.open.ac.uk/jobs/nhs-scientist-training-programme).

**Mirus IT**: This IT support services company offer positions including Service Desk Engineer and IT Trainer, and they offer a fully funded OU degree to successful applicants. Find out more at the [Mirus IT website](https://www.open.ac.uk/jobs/mirus-it).

**TSB**: This high street bank has a strong customer base of 5 million retail customers, and they offer a range of opportunities within Audit, Governance and Banking. Visit the [TSB Careers website](https://www.open.ac.uk/jobs/tsb) for more information.

**NHS Scotland**: Are looking for highly talented, emotionally intelligent people who demonstrate shared values of care and compassion, dignity and respect, openness, honesty and responsibility and quality and teamwork to join the [NHS Management Training Scheme](https://www.open.ac.uk/jobs/nhs-management-training-scheme).

**Age UK**: Dedicated to helping everyone make the most of later life, Age UK offer a variety of positions within Marketing, Customer Service and Project Management. Visit the [Age UK website](https://www.open.ac.uk/jobs/age-uk) to find out more.

**Aldi**: With a new store opening every week in the UK, Aldi are looking for Graduate Area Managers for this much sought after graduate programme. Find out more on the [Aldi recruitment website](https://www.open.ac.uk/jobs/aldi).

**Gradconsult**: Specialising in graduate recruitment and university employability, find out more about this paid internship in business operations open to graduates of any discipline at [Gradconsult Internship](https://www.open.ac.uk/jobs/gradconsult).

**MacIntyre**: This national charity provides support to people with learning disabilities, and they are looking to recruit support workers across the UK (full and part time). They also offer management level positions and teaching assistant opportunities. Find out more at [MacIntyre Charity website](https://www.open.ac.uk/jobs/macintyre).

We have hundreds of opportunities on [JobZone](https://www.open.ac.uk/jobs), the OU’s dedicated vacancy advertising service. Sign up to [JobZone here](https://www.open.ac.uk/jobs) and customise your email alerts to stay up to date with the latest opportunities.
Events and other opportunities:

**Become an Acoustician for the day**: Noise UK, the noise and vibration consultants, are running a work experience day where you can see how your technical skills can be applied in a professional setting.

**Manchester Digital Skills Festival Talent Day**: 14th February. Over 50 digital, creative and tech companies will be available at this free event, for conversations about your future career in the industry. Including workshops and seminars, and insight into placements and graduate programmes.

**Sensible Media: Designing a Second-Act Career**: 8th March 12:30 – 13:45. While working lives are getting longer, we spend less time in each job, face a less certain career progression and are more likely to find our roles disappear entirely. Join this webinar to discover how to move successfully into a second career. Your code to attend this webinar for free will be published on Student Home nearer the time.

Have a look at Open University **Careers and Employability events**. If you miss the chance to participate on the day, a recorded version can be downloaded at a later date. This month’s great events include:

**Webinars**:

- **Workshop: Refining Your CV** 8th February, 12 – 1pm. Join OU Careers Consultants for this live workshop and receive guidance on various CV formats, completing the different sections of your CV, and access to resources including employer video clips. This workshop will not be recorded.

- **Winning Over Your Audience with the Presentation Factor** 12th February, 12 – 1pm. Public speaking can be daunting, but knowing how to present information and ideas in a clear and interesting way is something many of us need to learn. Join this webinar to discover some simple but powerful ideas to help you plan, create and deliver compelling presentations.

- **Workshop: Getting Your Foot in the Door with an Application Form** 20th February, 12:30 – 1:30pm. How many application forms have you filled in, knowing you have the right skills and experience, but failed to secure an interview? Change that by joining this workshop. This workshop will not be recorded.

- **Building a Successful Career in Museums** 26th February, 6 – 7pm. Discover what museum employers are looking for, how to get your foot in the door or progress within the sector, and the value of volunteering, featuring expert advice from Oxford University Museum of Natural History.

Looking for guidance?

If you would like to find out more about the support and resources the Careers & Employability Service provides, please do take a look at our website.

Remember, you can also book a careers consultation with a Careers & Employability Consultant if you are a current student or you have graduated within the last 3 years.

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