


ABOUT US



BRITISH
ECOLOGICAL
SOCIETY



The BES was established in 1913 and we have been fostering the science of ecology ever since. We have 6,500 members around the world and bring people together across regional, national and global scales to advance ecological science. Our vision is nature and people thrive in a world inspired by ecology. Membership is open to anyone anywhere, read on to find out about our activities and how you can get involved.

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MEMBERSHIP

Benefits include:

- Belong to a global ecological community
- Member-only research & training grants
- Free access to ALL our journal content on the Wiley Online Library
- Big discounts at BES run events such as our Annual Meeting
- 20 - 25% discount on open access fees when publishing in our journals
- 10% discount when publishing in Ecology and Evolution
- Opportunities to network with a global community of ecologists
- Training opportunities
- The Niche, a quarterly magazine to keep you informed about news from the ecological world

[Click here for a full list of our benefits](#)

Ordinary

£47 by direct debit/£57 by Credit or Debit card

✓ Open to everyone

Concessions

£23 by direct debit/£28 by Credit or Debit card

✓ Reduced – open to anyone who is a resident in a low or lower-middle income country or who is currently unemployed

✓ Retired – open to anyone who is retired from full-time employment.

✓ Students

12 months free for Undergraduate, Masters or 1st year PhD Students

GRANTS

Each year we receive over 630 applications and award over £490,000 to around 135 projects globally through our 5 funding schemes:

- **Large Research grants** – to support early career ecologists establish an independent research career with grants of up to £20,000. To apply you must have been a member of the BES for at least 2 years.
- **Small Research grants** – to support 20 original research projects with up to c. £5,000. Members only
- **Training and Travel** – to support PhD students and postgraduate research assistants through training and attendance at events where they will present their work. Members only
- **Outreach** – highlighting the importance of promoting ecological science to the public. We provide 12 grants of up to c. £2,000.
- **Ecologists in Africa** – we provide support for ecologists who are citizens of and working in Africa to carry out innovative research. Grants of up to £10,000.

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SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

Our SIGs organise scientific meetings, field trips and innovative events and rely solely on the enthusiasm and hard work of volunteers. They are a great way of networking – wherever you are based – so contact them to see how you can get involved.

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EVENTS

Our Annual Meeting provides an opportunity to network with and present your research to 1,200 delegates from around the world, hear the latest ecological science, develop skills and collaborate with other ecologists:

- 2021: Ecology Across Borders. Liverpool, UK

We also run community proposed symposia each year:

- May 2022 Symposium - Climate Science for Ecological Forecasting

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POLICY

We support our members and combine their knowledge to promote ecological science and evidence informed solutions to policymakers. We offer training and development programmes for all career stages and work with members on briefings and consultation responses: join our expertise database to find out about tailored opportunities. For the latest environmental policy news:

@BESPolicy
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PUBLICATIONS

We publish seven high-profile international journals in ecology, as well as our book series, Ecological Reviews, Guides to Better Science and blogs for the international research community.

Journal of Applied Ecology	≡
Journal of Animal Ecology	≡
Functional Ecology	≡
Methods in Ecology and Evolution	≡
Journal of Ecology	≡
People and Nature	≡
Ecological Solutions and Evidence	≡



CAREERS

We provide careers support to ecologists at all stages of their lives, especially at key transition phases, with mentoring, training events, online resources and advice. We support the teaching of ecological science and fieldwork as an essential aspect of practical science.

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We also help our members communicate ecology to diverse audiences, through the provision of science communication training, funding and the opportunity to attend a variety of events.

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