

## SNH PhD Studentships 2019

As part of developing research work linked to its priorities, Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH) will fund or co-fund several PhD studentships in 2019. Most awards are funded as CASE studentships or through the MASTS programme <https://www.masts.ac.uk/graduate-school/studentships/>

SNH <https://www.nature.scot/> is responsible to Scottish Government Ministers and, through them, to the Scottish Parliament. The task of SNH is to secure the conservation and enhancement of Scotland's natural heritage - the wildlife, habitats and landscapes which have evolved through the long partnership between people and nature.

In 2019, successful applications will be drawn from one or more of the following priority subject areas:

- a) Place-making - improving neighbourhoods, towns, cities or regions, this is now part of the Scottish Government's National Performance Framework outcomes.
- b) Leadership in Biodiversity - work which is cutting edge, innovative or likely to contribute towards meeting biodiversity challenges post-2020.
- c) Wildlife management (including resolving conflicts in conservation) - covering terrestrial or freshwater issues.
- d) Accessible data – making use of existing SNH data and information, which may relate to National Nature Reserves, other Protected Areas, or particular conservation and management issues.

**The closing date for applications is 19<sup>th</sup> December 2018.** Shortlisted applicants will be invited to provide more detailed applications. Applications can only be accepted from staff. Prospective students interested in taking up one of the awards should discuss this with a potential supervisor in a university or research institute.

An announcement on the successful applications will be made in February 2019

An application form is available by post from: Paul Robertson, SNH, Great Glen House, Leachkin Road, Inverness IV3 8NW or by email from: [Paul.Robertson@nature.scot](mailto:Paul.Robertson@nature.scot) If you have scientific enquiries about SNH studentships, contact: Professor Des Thompson [des.thompson@nature.scot](mailto:des.thompson@nature.scot)