

EARLY CAREER RESEARCHER PROGRAMME 2021/22

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ABOUT THE ECR PROGRAMME

These events are only available to staff, post-docs and students across the University of Cambridge.

The Early Career Researcher (ECR) Programme at the University of Cambridge Conservation Research Institute (CRI) is designed to provide skill development and support to graduate students and postdoctoral researchers within an interdisciplinary and collaborative research environment. The programme will help to create new insight and understanding of different approaches and methodologies, and complement the training that is on offer within Departments and the University.

The ECR programme is targeted at those whose research addresses conservation in the broadest sense which appeals to researchers from across all six Schools. The programme is delivered through a variety of learning approaches and formats, emphasising the importance of interactive experience to promote active engagement for a deeper and enhanced cross-disciplinary understanding. By participating in these workshops, and the associated informal networking events, CRI provides participants opportunities to meet conservation-related researchers from other disciplines and create avenues for collaboration in research.

Please note that this year's programme will be presented in a hybrid format and will be held in the David Attenborough Building (DAB) and via Zoom. Due to restrictions on occupancy within the DAB, there will be a limited amount of space for in-person attendance and registration for this option will be operating on a first-come-first-serve basis. Zoom details will be sent the week of the workshop.

[REGISTER FOR THE ECR PROGRAMME 2021/22](#)

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OCT

MEET THE RESEARCHERS

3.15pm - 4pm Main Seminar Room

SPEAKERS

Prof David Coomes, Dr Liana Chua, Prof William Sutherland, Dr Chris Sandbrook, Dr Helen Anne Curry and Dr Howard Nelson

ABOUT

The ECR Programme 2021/22 will be launched with flash talks from key CRI academics that provide an overview of their research and visions for the future.

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OCT

CREATIVE COMMUNICATION

12pm - 1pm Weston Room

SPEAKERS

Carmyn de Jonge

ABOUT

This workshop is designed for those looking to explore effective communication through versatile designs of poster, booklets and presentations.

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NOV

INTRO TO PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

12pm - 1pm Weston Room

SPEAKERS

Dr Selen Etingu-Breslaw, Lucinda Spokes

ABOUT

Participants of this course will find out more about how the University can support their public engagement priorities, further training and funding opportunities and activities to participate in and develop their skills through.

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DEC

ENTREPRENEURSHIP TRAINING

12pm - 1pm Weston Room

SPEAKERS

Dr Tom Swinfield

ABOUT

Dr Swinfield will lead this taster session in entrepreneurship training that aims to equip participants with the knowledge and skillset for identifying and launching potential business ventures.

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JAN

BRITISH ANTARCTIC SURVEY

12pm - 1pm Main Seminar Room

SPEAKERS

British Antarctic Survey

ABOUT

This workshop will talk about what the BAS polar data centre dataset does, the data that is available and go into detail about some of the biodiversity and biological long term monitoring data that are held.

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FEB

WRITING FOR THE GUARDIAN

12pm - 1pm Weston Room

SPEAKERS

Phoebe Weston

ABOUT

This workshop will focus on how researchers can communicate with the media, what stories we're interested in, how to communicate them and how not to communicate them.

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FEB

CAPACITY BUILDING IN CONSERVATION

12pm - 1pm Weston Room

SPEAKERS

Freedom Kai Philips

ABOUT

This workshop will review projects covered within climate and biodiversity legal assessments, as well as capacity building to identify pathways to put your research into action.

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MAR

ON THE GROUND (PANEL TALK)

12pm - 1pm Main Seminar Room

SPEAKERS

Charlotte Milbank (Chair), Fleur Nash, Hawa Newell-Sydique, and Kasia Lanucha

ABOUT

The panel will discuss best practices to ensure productive research abroad, how to collaborate in multi-cultural and internationally diverse teams, the ways in which working cultures across the globe differ, and the ethical concerns to take into consideration.

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APR

USER-CENTRED DESIGN

12pm - 1.30pm Weston Room

SPEAKERS

Alice Lawrence

ABOUT

This session will give an overview of user-centred design (UCD): a process whereby the end-user is involved in the design of an interface or document. We will use a case study from medical communications to explore the different steps of UCD, and its application within conservation.

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MAY

GRANT WRITING WORKSHOP

12pm - 1pm Weston Room

SPEAKERS

Professor Bhaskar Vira

ABOUT

Professor Vira will provide an overview for those of you thinking about writing grant applications or wanting to prepare yourself for when the time comes.

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MAY

PRESENTING CONSERVATION

12pm - 1pm Weston Room

SPEAKERS

Media Consultant

ABOUT

Speaking to the media can seem daunting, but with preparation and practice, you can make sure that even the most challenging interview goes smoothly. In this workshop, you will learn to prepare for an interview and how to ensure you get your messages across clearly to your audiences.

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JUN

CAREER PATHWAYS WORKSHOP

12pm - 2pm Main Seminar Room

SPEAKERS

*Cambridge NERC Doctoral
Training Partnerships*

ABOUT

This workshop will discuss how skills learned during your PhD can help you plan your next career step. It will advise on seeking funding & applying for jobs. Discuss whether to pursue an academic career or enter a different sector? Speakers from different sectors will share their journey post-PhD.