



## **Public Appointment:**

### **Training Advisory Group (TAG) Members for the Natural Environment Research Council (NERC)**

Closing date for nominations: **16.00 Thursday 7 April 2016**

Interviews to be held in the **week commencing 3 May 2016**

Date of commencement of appointment: **1 June 2016**

#### **Links**

[NERC website](#)

[Training Advisory Group](#)

## **CANDIDATE PROFILE**

The Training Advisory Group (TAG) is seeking to make appointments for new members.

### Essential Skills:

- Ability to provide objective and detailed assessments of training proposals.
- Able to commit sufficient time to the TAG to review proposals and attend meetings.
- Willing to keep in regular contact with NERC.
- Have knowledge and experience of training and/or skills related to environmental science from a trainee (student), training provider, funder, advisor or employer perspective.
- Not currently playing a leading role in a NERC Doctoral Training Partnership (DTP) or NERC Centre for Doctoral Training (CDT). Individuals are eligible to apply but would be required to relinquish any such leading role should they be appointed to TAG.
- Able to adhere to the Terms and Conditions of membership (see below).

### Desirable Skills:

We are looking for members from a variety of backgrounds. It is desirable for potential members to have **one or more** of the following:

- Experience of reviewing or moderating proposals for NERC and/or other funding organisations.
- Experience of leading a graduate school, or similar organisation, with responsibility for the overall management of the postgraduate training and related activities.
- Experience of supervising PhD students.
- Experience of employing highly skilled people.
- Experience as a CASE partner.
- A broad overview of environmental research and the skills needs of their user community.
- An appreciation of mechanisms for collaboration, engagement and Knowledge Exchange between the training base and those who employ

highly skilled people.

- Experience of advising students and potential students on research career paths, employability or postgraduate training options.
- Experience of representing students undertaking postgraduate training (PhDs).
- Experience in designing, or advising on the Postgraduate Student Experience.

## **DETAILS OF THE APPOINTMENT**

It is essential that, in applying for membership of NERC's TAG, the individual is able to commit the necessary time and attention to the role, and that at the time of submitting an application they have the full support of their employer and organisation in doing so.

Appointment will be for one year in the first instance with the expectation that it will continue for a maximum of three years in total. In some exceptional circumstances members may be invited to serve for a second term. Membership will be kept under review to account for any change in conflicts of interest. Members can opt to end their membership at any time.

Eligible members may claim an attendance fee of £170 per day, and have their reasonable travelling expenses reimbursed, for attending meetings. Reasonable travelling expenses will be reimbursed for other meetings and events attended at NERC's request as members of TAG.

Typically members of the TAG will be annually required to attend approximately two one-day meetings and will also be expected to dedicate time to review background information. On appointment you will be required to attend at least one Moderating Panel making funding recommendations to NERC.

Members will be asked to provide NERC with details of any appointments or affiliations they hold (including consultancies and special or 'visiting' academic appointments) that could impact on their work for NERC and to keep NERC advised of any changes to these associations. For openness and transparency this

information is made public on the NERC website. During meetings members will be required to leave the room while any documents or issues for which they have, or could be perceived to have, a conflict of interest is discussed.

Enquiries about the process can be made to the Training Advisory Group Coordinator, Andy Lloyd (NERC), by email at [stag@nerc.ac.uk](mailto:stag@nerc.ac.uk) or by telephone on 01793 442629.