



Terms of Reference – NERC Training Advisory Board

The Natural Environment Research Council (NERC) Training Advisory Board (TAB) is responsible for providing advice to NERC Council and the Executive on the strategic direction of NERC's investment in postgraduate, doctoral and non-doctoral training (including skills) and support for the Research Careers pathway. This will include putting forward recommendations for the award of training funds. NERC Council and the Executive will retain responsibility for how such advice is used.

In particular, TAB will:

1. Advise on development of the NERC Training Strategy and how to ensure its execution.
2. Advise on development and implementation of changes to NERC's training and skills portfolio so that it meets the agreed outcomes of the [NERC Training Review](#), including ensuring that training and skills investments meet the agreed [Success Criteria](#). This will include advice on tensioning of available funding between activities.
3. Advise on the skills and training requirements of NERC's environmental sciences community throughout the career pipeline.
4. Contribute to the peer review of proposals made to NERC for doctoral and non-doctoral training funds and provide recommendations on the allocation of funding resources.
5. Have a proactive role in post-award monitoring and evaluations, and undertake institutional visits to training award holders as necessary.
6. Advise on and foster the development of international and cross-Council collaborative activities.
7. Advise on, and foster the development of, user and stakeholder engagement.
8. Advise on achieving impact via training investments through knowledge exchange.
9. Monitor and report to Council on implementation of the NERC training strategy by evaluating outputs and their potential impacts.
10. Maintain clear and effective lines of communication with Science Board, Joint Capital Advisory Group and Innovation Advisory Board.

Members sit on TAB as individuals, rather than representing a particular organisation or research area and as such members are expected to provide assessments, advice and guidance across the full spectrum of NERC's training investments. NERC commits to giving clear guidance on expectations and requirements.

NERC will ensure that members are updated when necessary with developments which affect their role and responsibilities as a TAB member.