

Scottish Natural Heritage and Scottish Environment Protection Agency

Ph.D Studentships 2011

Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH) and the Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) are government bodies 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. SEPA is Scotland's environmental regulator and adviser, and has a key role in controlling pollution, and working with others to protect and improve our environment.

SNH and SEPA manage a vigorous Research Programme. As part of developing our research work linked to operational priorities, we will fund up to three PhD studentships. In 2011, successful applications will be drawn from one or more of the following areas:

- **Wildlife management and ecological requirements of priority species**
- **Economic benefits of sustainable environmental management**
- **Ecosystem approaches for managing the environment/nature**
- **Marine natural heritage and development**
- **Management solutions for non-native invasive species**
- **Managing peatlands for Carbon**

Applications are sought from UK University/Research Institute staff wishing to secure such a studentship. The annual stipend for the studentships will be £13,300 (running for 3 years), with up to £3,000 per year being provided for University fees. The closing date for applications is 10 December 2010. Applications can only be accepted from staff; prospective students interested in taking up one of the SNH/SEPA awards should discuss this with a potential supervisor in a university or research institute. An announcement on the successful applications will be made in early February 2011. An application form is available by post from Paul Robertson, SNH, Great Glen House, Inverness IV3 8NW, or by email from Paul.Robertson@snh.gov.uk

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