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**Subject:** Cambridge University - PhD Opportunities

The Department of Plant Sciences at the University of Cambridge is offering 14 PhD studentships in ecology and evolution as part of a Doctoral training partnership (DTP) funded by the Natural Environment Research Council (NERC). Full details and project outlines are available on our website at: <http://www.plantsci.cam.ac.uk/grads/studentships/nerc-dtp>

UK and EU students who meet the UK residency requirements will be eligible for a full NERC studentship. This will cover a stipend at the standard Research Council rate (£13,726 per annum for 2013-2014), research costs, and tuition fees at the UK/EU rate. Students from EU countries who do not meet the residency requirements may still be eligible for a fees-only award, and can apply for maintenance feeds funded by the various Cambridge Trusts. Overseas students may similarly be able to join the programme but will need to have arranged funding from other sources. Many University wide funding schemes exist for overseas students (e.g. <http://www.graduate.study.cam.ac.uk/finance/funding>)

The deadline for online applications to the NERC DTP is Saturday 10th January 2015, with ALL supporting documentation to be submitted by Friday 23rd January 2015. In order to be considered for all other funding options, applications prior to Tuesday 2nd December 2014 are strongly encouraged.

The University of Cambridge is one of the world's oldest and most successful Universities, with an outstanding reputation for academic achievement and research. It was ranked first in the 2011 QS World University Rankings and its graduates have won more Nobel Prizes than any other university in the world. The University comprises more than 150 departments, faculties, schools and other institutions, plus a central administration and 31 independent and autonomous colleges. There is much more information about the University at <http://www.cam.ac.uk/univ/works/index.html> which we hope you will find helpful.

The Department of Plant Sciences has an international reputation across the range of plant science. It is one of the few remaining UK University Departments to offer an undergraduate degree in Plant Sciences. We have 18 Heads of Group as Lecturers, Readers and Professors, and several Senior Research Associates and Research Fellows with independent research programmes. The Department also houses a range of advanced laboratory and plant growth facilities, as well as the internationally famous University Herbarium, containing a collection of over 1 million pressed, mounted, and named plant specimens, and also encompasses the Botanic Gardens. Further information about the Department can be found at: <http://www.plantsci.cam.ac.uk/>.