

University of Sussex, School of Life Sciences PhD in Biology, Bee Ecology & Conservation

Funding for: UK Students, EU Students

Closes: 15th December 2014

Start Date: 19 January 2015

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Bees face many pressures in the modern world; there are fewer flowers than there once were, they are exposed to novel pathogens, and to complex mixtures of pesticides. This project will broadly focus on factors affecting the health of wild bee species, and how best to sustain healthy populations of wild pollinators. It may focus on bumblebees and/or other wild bees such as *Osmia*, about which less is known, and could also include other pollinators such as hoverflies (Syrphidae).

The precise direction of the research will depend on the interests of the successful candidate and will be discussed and agreed as the project evolves.

Funding Notes:

For further queries contact Prof Dave Goulson (d.goulson@sussex.ac.uk). To be considered complete online application

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Apply for January 2015 entry (2014-15 cohort). Mention D Goulson in "suggested supervisor" section. In Award details mention School of Life Sciences funded studentship, Mode of Attendance: Part time. Include brief statement of interest (up to 2 pages), CV, two academic references, UG/PG transcripts, IELTS/TOEFL results if residing in EU. The studentship is for 3.0 years at 50% time (full fee waiver, stipend Research Council equivalent rate, 25 hours teaching).