DAERA
Postgraduate Studentships
2018
The Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) is offering a limited number of full-time postgraduate studentships. These are for a three year period of research leading to a PhD qualification from a United Kingdom or Republic of Ireland University. Studentships commence on 1 October 2018.

For further details see:  
www.daera-ni.gov.uk/articles/postgraduate-study

Applications must reach us by 5.00pm on Friday, 16 February 2018. Only one application will be accepted from each individual. Late applications will not be accepted.

The Department has identified 19 Priority Research Areas 2018 (outlined opposite).

**Short-listing**

If we need to shortlist candidates to go forward to interview, shortlisting criteria will be applied. These are available on both the application form and Terms and Conditions, which are available on our website at www.daera-ni.gov.uk/articles/postgraduate-study

**Conditions of Eligibility**

Conditions of eligibility are detailed in our Terms and Conditions booklet which can be found on our website or by contacting Agri-Food Support Branch on:

**Telephone:** (028) 9052 4710

**E-mail:** postgraduate@daera-ni.gov.uk
Please refer to our website: www.daera-ni.gov.uk/articles/postgraduate-study for our priority needs under each of the 19 Priority Research Areas.

1. Increased competitiveness and efficiency in production systems.
2. Northern Ireland Supply Chain.
3. Soil health including fertility, structure and drainage.
5. Socioeconomic contribution of the equine industry.
6. Factors which can lead to low income or low uptake of services within agriculture and farming families.
7. Rural Development Policy.
8. Farm Safety.
9. Supporting land use change to forestry.
10. Animal disease - horizon scanning and antimicrobial resistance (AMR) - emerging risks.
11. Forest Disease Epidemiology/Plant disease diagnosis.
12. Bovine TB.
13. Pestiviruses in NI, tools to support BVD eradication programme.
15. Animal welfare.
16. Ammonia emissions from livestock enterprises.
17. Rivers, lakes and coastal areas.
18. Soil and Nutrient management practices.
19. Developing the Circular Economy.
Interviews

Interviews have been scheduled for 26, 27, 28 March 2018. To be considered for a research studentship, applicants must be available for interview on one of the dates listed. Interviews will be held in Dundonald House, Upper Newtownards Road, Ballymiskaw, Belfast BT4 3SB.

Before interview you are expected to have discussed your project in detail with a suitably qualified adviser/supervisor. Students applying for the postgraduate studentships are expected to be familiar with the issues relevant to the area being studied.

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