

Careers in Environmental Biology

Our graduates are ideally suited for employment in conservation organisations, environmental consultancies, local authorities, government agencies and industry, including agrochemicals and water resource management. Graduates often go on to research degrees in environmentally-related areas and careers in teaching or scientific journalism.

Graduate Profiles

Some of our recent graduates:

Clare Duncan

“Since graduating in 2010 I have continued on my path to a career in research, undertaking an internship and a Research Assistant role at the Zoological Society of London and completing my Masters course in Ecology, Evolution and Conservation at Imperial College, London.

I am now doing my PhD between the Zoological Society of London and University College London Geography, which aims to inform the management and conservation of mangrove forests in the face of climate change. I still have three years left of my PhD, which will involve completing a field season in the mangroves of the Philippines to assess forest properties and ecosystem services, and doing a lot of satellite-based work to monitor mangroves globally. I am dedicated to continuing a career in ecological research, aiming to continue to conduct work at the interface between research, on-the-ground conservation activities and higher level policy.



Doing my Environmental Biology degree at Nottingham was fantastic – it was through completing this course that I was able to fully realise my passion and interest in ecological and climate change issues, and in the need to conserve the world’s amazing ecosystems. Lectures were always interesting and inspiring, and the lecturers were always really friendly and approachable, and willing to provide help whenever it was needed.

When I began the course I was unsure of where my exact interests lay, but experiencing diverse subjects meant that by the end of the course I felt that I had really determined where my research interests lie. ”

Elisabeth Pilliere

"I graduated in 2008 and am now doing a one year Masters course in Science Communication at London Imperial College. Basically it's about learning how to adapt science to the general public or politicians. It could involve journalism or PR work, TV or newspapers or also exhibition work. So, applying science to the communication industry. It looks good. I like doing creative things and being in contact with the public. I think I have chosen the right direction. Ideally, I would like to be able to work for an international company which has a branch in France (because I am French), but still using my Environmental Biology degree.



I loved being at Sutton Bonington – it was the campus itself which made me want to come to Nottingham. I liked the lecturers a lot; they were so helpful and it was amazing that they knew who you were quite quickly and you could go and talk to them – they were all really friendly. They treat you like an equal.

My degree included an extra year for a 'Certificate in European Studies'. I went to Vienna to do biology at the University there. It was a bit hard being taught in German, but it was really good.

I really enjoyed my degree because it was flexible – in the second and third years you can choose to be more plant based or animal based depending on what you want to do and specialise in what you are interested in. I discovered I was good at communication type modules like photography and I created a website for my project. Not all degrees are so flexible."

Yvonne Moorhouse

After graduating in 2000, Yvonne joined the Home-Grown Cereals Authority in London, where she worked in the Research and Development Department, managing committees and assessing applications for funding. The job required a scientific and technical background as well as office and personal skills. She was quickly promoted to Research Manager and was able to expand her knowledge base and skills dramatically.

She is now working as a Research Support Officer at Lancaster University.