

# Derek Moore Student Research Award



## Application Guidance

### Eligibility

- Any full- or part-time undergraduate or Master's student who writes a dissertation based on a study of birds in Wales.
- The entrant must have completed the field work in Wales or used data collected in Wales for their dissertation.
- Dissertations remain eligible for entry one year after your degree was awarded, e.g. if your degree was awarded in 2019, your dissertation is eligible for entry for the 2020 award.

### Contact details

- Please ensure you provide an email address that will be valid *after you have graduated*. The winner will notified in late September or October by which time your university email is likely to be disconnected.

### Project description

This section of the form is by far the most important as it will be this that WOS Council uses to judge your project. A good application is clear and concise (ideally 500 words or fewer) and will contain:

- 1) a brief paragraph setting the scene and providing some background to your project
- 2) the location of your field work or dataset
- 3) a brief description of the methods you used.
- 4) a brief description of your main findings – reporting statistical results is not necessary for this application.
- 5) a brief conclusion telling us what the results of your study show. If possible tell us the relevance of your dissertation to ornithology in Wales. Your dissertation might, for example, involve a species that is rare, declining, and little-studied or iconic species in Wales. Or perhaps it provides information about the effectiveness or value of a conservation action or informs the management of a protected site. This is perhaps the hardest part but don't worry if you can't think of anything!

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact the award coordinator, Jeremy Smith at [studentawards@birdsin.wales](mailto:studentawards@birdsin.wales)

The WOS Student Research Award is given in memory of Derek Moore OBE. Derek was one of the most influential people in UK nature conservation during the 1990s and the first decade of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Following a career with The Wildlife Trusts, latterly in South & West Wales, he helped to re-energise the Welsh Ornithological Society, as its chairman from 2007 until his death in 2014.

For more background to Derek's life, see <http://tinyurl.com/derekwos>

# The Welsh Ornithological Society's

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The Welsh Ornithological Society's (WOS) **Derek Moore Student Research Award** aims to recognise and promote the contribution to Welsh ornithology by masters and final year undergraduate students. The award is given to the student judged to have produced the best ornithological dissertation based on research conducted in Wales. Judging will be undertaken by the Society's Council whose decision is final. The Society reserves the right not to make an award if it considers that there are no dissertations of the appropriate quality.

The winner of the award:

- receives £200 in cash
- will be invited to submit an edited version of their dissertation for publication in the Society's journal *Birds in Wales* (see <https://birdsin.wales/what-we-do/conference/>)
- will be invited to present a poster at the WOS Annual Conference in November, and give a short presentation about the work. (see <https://birdsin.wales/what-we-do/our-journals/>)

Conditions of entry

- The entrant must have completed the field work for their dissertation within Wales
- Dissertations submitted for degrees awarded last year are eligible for entry this year.
- The winner must be available to accept the award in person, present a poster and give a short presentation on their dissertation at the WOS annual conference; the 2020 conference will be held virtually on 7 November 2020.
- All entries should be submitted by 30 September 2020 for consideration by Council. Please return completed forms to [studentawards@birdsin.wales](mailto:studentawards@birdsin.wales)

Student's name and email	University of attendance	
	BSc or MSc	
Title of Project		
Please provide a brief description of your project (continue on a separate sheet if necessary); this should include background to the topic, the location of the fieldwork, your main findings and where possible its relevance to furthering Welsh ornithology. See Guidance notes above.		

Please return the completed form [studentawards@birdsin.wales](mailto:studentawards@birdsin.wales) by 30 September 2020.  
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