Welcome to the application process for the *Ecology Masterclass: Designing Projects in the Field* field course.

If you do not complete the form in one sitting, your progress will be saved and you can return to continue the same application—provided you use the same computer and browser. You may also wish to prepare your answers in advance so that you can copy and paste them directly into the form.

Course eligibility

Before continuing with this form, please take a moment to check that this course is the right fit for you.

The course is designed for individuals who are at an early stage in their ecological or conservation research journey. It's especially suited to people who are eager to develop skills in project design, critical thinking, and scientific communication, but who may not yet have had much opportunity to carry out their own research.

Please indicate whether you meet the following criteria.

We welcome applicants who:

* 1. Are a citizen of and are currently based in an African country (including Madagascar and the West Indian Ocean Islands)

◯ Yes

◯ No

* 2. Have a background in the biological or environmental sciences

◯ Yes

◯ No

* 3. Have within the last 5 years completed (or will have completed by the time of the course) a first degree in a relevant subject

◯ Yes

◯ No

* 4. Have not yet started a PhD, or are in the early stages (less than 2 years in)

◯ Yes

◯ No

* 5. Are comfortable communicating in English

◯ Yes

◯ No

Personal Information

We collect the following information to help assess your suitability for the field course and to support the management of your application. Some of this data may also be used for monitoring, evaluation, and learning purposes, in line with our commitment to improving access, inclusion, and impact across our training programmes.

Your personal information will be handled securely and only used for legitimate purposes related to our work. We are committed to protecting your privacy and complying with relevant data protection legislation.

You can read our privacy statement and view our full privacy policies here.

* 1. Surname/family name

* 2. First name

* 3. Nationality - If you have dual nationality, please choose the one under the passport you will be using

* 4. How would you describe your gender?

* 5. Email address

* 6. Date of birth

	Day	Month	Year
DOB			

* 7. Mobile phone number including international dialing code (please just enter numbers do not use the + sign)

8. WhatsApp Mobile Phone number (including international dialing code, do not use the + sign)

Undergraduate degree

* 1. Undergraduate degree status:

○ Currently an undergraduate student

○ Completed undergraduate degree

○ No undergraduate degree

2. More information about your undergraduate degree:

Degree title:

Awarding University:

Finish year:

Grade awarded/predicted:

1. Will you have completed your undergraduate degree before October 2025?

○ Yes

○ No

1. Did you complete your undergraduate degree within the past 5 years?

○ Yes

○ No

Masters degree

* 1. Masters degree status:

    ◯ Accepted on a masters degree course due to start in the next year

    ◯ Currently studying for a masters degree

    ◯ Completed masters degree

    ◯ No masters degree

2. More information about your masters degree (please type NA if not applicable):

Degree title:

Awarding University:

Finish year:

Grade awarded/predicted:

PhD degree

* 1. PhD degree status:

    ◯ Accepted on a PhD degree course due to start in the next year

    ◯ Currently studying for a PhD degree

    ◯ Completed PhD degree

    ◯ No PhD degree

2. More information about your PhD degree (please type NA if not applicable):

Degree title:

Awarding University:

Current year of study
(1st, 2nd, 3rd or 4th):

Employment

* 1. Employment status:

◯ Employed

◯ Studying

◯ Internship/volunteer

◯ Seeking employment or study

2. More information about your employment or internship/volunteer programme (please type NA if not applicable):

Job title:

Employer:

Start year:

Main responsibilities:

Application Questions

The following questions will help us understand your interests and motivations for attending the course. Your answers will be assessed to see how well you fit the course profile and how much you are likely to benefit.

Please take your time to consider your responses and provide enough detail for us to make an informed assessment. We are not assessing English skills—what matters more are your ideas and enthusiasm.

You may wish to prepare your answers to the questions in advance so that you can copy and paste them directly in.

* 1. Why do you wish to attend the 'Ecology Masterclass: Designing Projects in the Field' course? For example, what skills do you still need to develop and what experiences have you yet to gain that you hope this course will provide? (Max 2000 characters including spaces)

* 2. What experience do you have in ecological research, and what aspects of it interest you most? (Max 2000 characters including spaces)

* 3. This course is designed to build skills for designing projects, thinking critically, working collaboratively, and communicating results - how will you apply these skills in your future career/studies? (Max 2000 characters including spaces)

Thank you for taking the time to complete this application form.

When you select 'Next' at the bottom of this page you will be redirected away from the form to a SurveyMonkey webpage. We do not send email confirmations but please be assured that we have received your application and will be in touch in due course to let you know the outcome.

Finally, we would be grateful if you could let us know how you found out about this opportunity.

Best wishes
The TBA & BES team

* 1. How did you hear of this field course?

☐ Teacher

☐ Friend/colleague

☐ TBA Alumnus

☐ TBA website

☐ BES website

☐ Poster (printed and displayed)

☐ Facebook

☐ LinkedIn

☐ X/Twitter

☐ Instagram

Other (please specify)

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Thank you for your interest in our field course.

Unfortunately, your answers indicate that you do not meet one or more of the eligibility criteria, and we are therefore unable to accept your application for this course.

We encourage you to visit the Tropical Biology Association website and follow us on social media for updates on other opportunities that may be more relevant to your current stage.

We wish you every success in your future career.