The Natural History Museum, London is offering a one week course in Quaternary Palaeoecology, funded by NERC (w/c 4th February 2019). This training initiative targets NERC-funded PhD students and early-career environmental science researchers who wish to acquire or enhance their understanding of Quaternary palaeoecology in addition to improving their taxonomic expertise.

**Summary:** A suite of biological groups will be reviewed during the five day short course, including a selection from beetles, chironomids, diatoms, pollen, and vertebrates. Each day will be dedicated to a different group, with morning lectures focussing on the review of taxonomy, the use of biological evidence as proxy indicators, the role these organisms played in Quaternary communities and how they were affected by past climate change. The afternoon sessions will be dedicated to the provision of bespoke laboratory and desk-based activities, with the students being introduced to relevant NHM reference collections and learning the basic taxonomic skills required to differentiate between taxa.

**Venue:** The Natural History Museum, Cromwell Road, South Kensington, London

**Date:** 4th – 8th Feb 2019

**Eligibility:** The course is available to all environmental science students, postgraduate researchers and early-career scientists. Priority will however be given to those with NERC funding or whose PhD award was NERC funded. There is a maximum of 15 places available. All course costs, UK travel and accommodation costs are covered. Lunch and light refreshments will also be provided.

**How to apply:** please download the application form provided and return by the

**CLOSING DATE:**

23rd November 2018.

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