Research Methods in Physical Geography
BSc in Geography
School of Geographical Sciences

Do you or your organisation have a research question that you’d like answered or a project that you would like to develop in partnership with a group of University of Bristol undergraduate students enrolled on our Geography degree programme?

We are contacting organisations that may be interested in harnessing the talent and enthusiasm of our students while at the same time providing students with a valuable opportunity to conduct research that is driven by ‘real world’ demand. We are looking to collaborate on analytical projects focussed on water, soil or air quality in and around Bristol.

Here is a brief summary of how these partnerships work:

1. On the course students are trained in a range of analytical techniques including water chemistry, surveying, soil science, microbiology, sampling and fieldwork.

2. Groups of 5 students are offered a chance to work with a partner organisation on a project, which is guided by the interests of participating organisation.

3. To participate as a partner, you need to submit a question that can be addressed through the generation of a primary analytical dataset by the students.

4. Students review these proposals and select their preferred choices in December. Students are allocated to projects in mid January.

5. Students contact partners in late January to arrange a meeting and finalise the details of the project.

6. Students begin working on the project in early February and the project is completed before Easter.

7. We expect a minimum of two contact points from partners during the project: at the beginning, to agree the project; once the analytical work is complete to provide feedback on the students’ presentation. The students will then write up their project incorporating their response to this feedback. This project will be shared with the partner organisation.

8. You will need to be able to attend the presentations on Thursday 8th March.

To apply please fill in the online application form.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact Hannah Tweddell (hannah.tweddell@bristol.ac.uk), or Rachel Flecker (r.flecker@bristol.ac.uk) or David Richards (David.Richards@bristol.ac.uk). Also, please feel free to circulate this summary to anyone else you know who may be interested in taking advantage of this opportunity.