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# Do you want to make a difference?



Environment Agency student placements  
in the Midlands Region



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Would you like a work experience where you're not just a drop in the ocean?

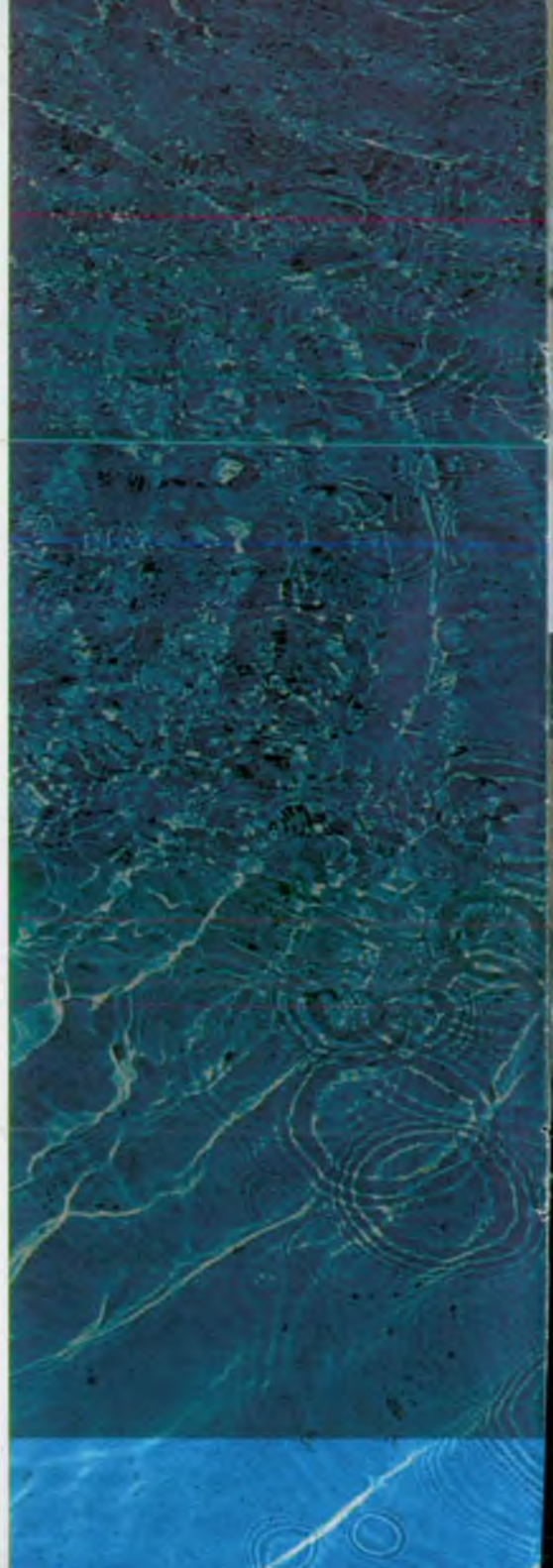
If you want to make a difference, this is the place to do it.

The Environment Agency supports around 30 placement students in the Midlands Region. In a region that employs approximately 1,300 people, our students are a valued part of our team. The Environment Agency is committed to offering a variety of opportunities for students from different backgrounds, with various interests, skill levels and abilities.

The Environment Agency employs people across a huge range of specialist areas; soil scientists and civil engineers; public relations officers and flood protection officers; information technology experts and support staff, to name just some. There is an enormous resource of diverse skills and expertise within the organisation and everyone is linked by a shared commitment to the Environmental Vision; a future in which everyone will be able to enjoy the benefit of a clean, safe and healthy environment.

Working with the Environment Agency, you will be tackling some of the most important issues facing the planet. That's why we look for people with fresh ideas and a passion for their work, as well as the environment.

Our student placement scheme aims to provide individuals with true work experience. Individuals will be expected to become a fully functional team member and to make a genuine contribution to organisational goals and environmental outcomes during their year at work.







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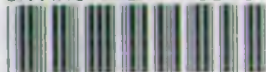
# The Environment Agency

The Environment Agency is the leading public body protecting and improving the environment in England and Wales.

It's our job to make sure that air, land and water are looked after by everyone in today's society, so that tomorrow's generations inherit a cleaner, healthier world.

Our work includes tackling flooding and pollution incidents, reducing industry's impacts on the environment, cleaning up rivers, coastal waters and contaminated land, and improving wildlife habitats.

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## Development

During your year at the Environment Agency, your challenge will be to help make a lasting and positive impact on the environment. In return, we will provide you with a stimulating and challenging placement with rewards that recognise your experience and commitment.

Self-development is an important factor for all employees and is especially vital to our placement students. We provide all our students with the training and development opportunities that will directly benefit their learning.



We understand the importance of the student placement opportunity. It's a great advantage for you and it also benefits us in many ways.

Students bring expertise, fresh ideas and a new outlook to the Environment Agency, all of which benefit the future of the environment and the organisation, and we welcome these qualities.



To fulfil our vision of a better environment for present and future generations, we will develop an Agency where all employees are actively supported in giving their best contribution to the Agency's aims and objectives. This means attracting people from all parts of the community, valuing the differing skills and abilities of all our employees and responding flexibly to the needs of individuals in achieving organisational goals.





## Case study

### Ricardo Mateos

BSC (Hons) Business Information Systems  
De Montfort University, Leicester  
Customer Contact and Partnerships Planning Placement Student  
Customer Services

Working at the Environment Agency brings a great sense of achievement and enjoyment. I have a keen interest in local environmental issues and I feel that my work here directly benefits the local environment and contributes to that of the organisation as a whole. It is a great organisation to work for as the staff are very friendly and they willingly offer their support and professional knowledge. My work involves working in partnership with local organisations as well as other countries within the European Union.

I am already considering returning after completing my degree!

### Helen Wood

BSC Geography  
Coventry University  
Flow Forecasting Assistant, Flood Defence

The experience I have gained will certainly put me in good stead for the future. I chose to work for the Environment Agency because it has a long running placement scheme and is a well-established organisation. I have enjoyed experiencing the office environment and lifestyle. It gives a taste of life to come and enables you to start thinking seriously about career choices. My job involves supporting the operational systems involved in flow forecasting and regulating the River Severn. I also monitor the Severn when in drought and flooding situations.

I am particularly impressed with the social activities that go on and I've made full use of them during my time here. I especially enjoyed the Christmas party! It is hard work but a fun organisation to work for.

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### Hannah Williams

BA (Hons) Business Studies  
University of Central England in Birmingham  
Communications Assistant  
Corporate Affairs

Having always had a keen interest in the environment, I jumped at the chance to work for the Environment Agency.

Working in Public Relations gives me a great sense of achievement, communicating important messages about protecting the environment to the public.

No one day is ever the same as another in this department as I help deal with some very diverse and interesting stories. One day we could be handling media calls for a major flood incident and the following day we could be tackling calls for a fish rescue from a polluted brook. There's so much variety! I am really enjoying working here, everybody is really encouraging, and I can't believe I'll soon be returning to university.





# Placements

We offer a wide variety of twelve-month placement opportunities for undergraduates studying Engineering or Environment-related subjects including; Environmental Science, Geography, Earth Sciences or Town and Country Planning, as well as Business and Media related degrees. Student placement benefits include 25 days paid annual leave, flexible working practices and a salary of £11-13,000 per annum.

We are looking for individuals who share our enthusiasm for the environment and will contribute fresh ideas and new ways of thinking to their work.

## Placement students will be expected to have:

- Basic level of computer competency; knowledge of Microsoft office an advantage
- Good communication skills
- Ability to work as part of a team and on own initiative
- Environmental awareness
- Specific criteria as per the placement opportunity of interest

Details of opportunities are posted on our website:

[www.environment-agency.gov.uk](http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk)



Analysing invertebrate species in National Laboratory Nottingham



Fish restocking in the River Trent, Stoke Bardolph

Testing landfill emissions in Warwickshire



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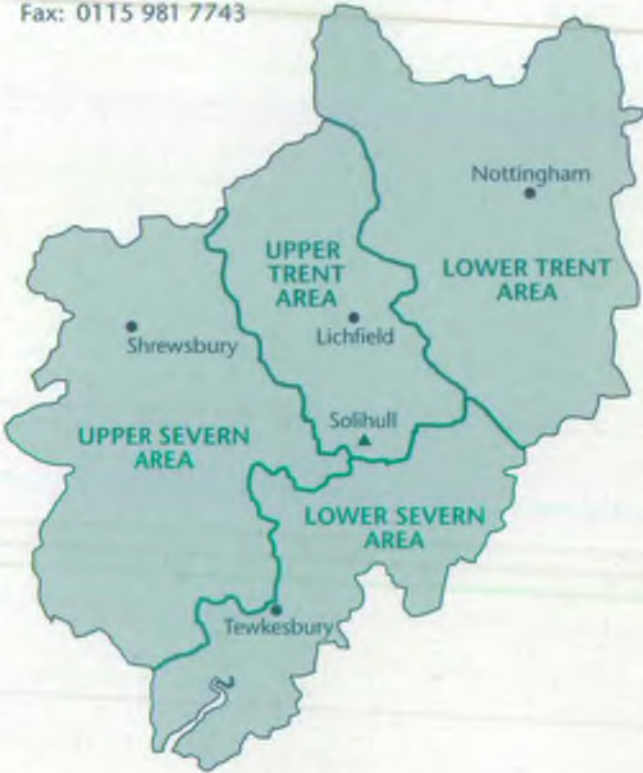
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