

Overseas Territories and Crown Dependencies Training and Research Programme: Undergraduate Scholarship

Project Update

Update on progress of UKOTA Undergraduate Scholarship – end of Year 1

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Project Update form

If you have suggestions for improvement of this form, your feedback would be appreciated:

COUNTRY: Cross Territory.

PROJECT TITLE: Contribution to Fund Scholarship

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PROJECT UPDATE :

As agreed with JNCC, UKOTA advertised in February 2009 for applicants from Overseas Territories for a Scholarship to study a BSc Applied Ecology and Conservation degree at the University of Reading (UoR). The advert was circulated to all OTs and placed on the UKOTA website. The selection panel (JNCC, UKOTA, UoR) agreed that Miss Helen Larzleer from Bermuda met the criteria set and would be a worthy recipient of the scholarship. Her formal application to the UoR was successful and she started in October 2010.

UKOTA organized her travel, induction programme and paid tuition fees and stipend.

Helen settled in well and is enjoying her course; she is already talking to her tutors about her project (in Montserrat).

The overall objective is to build capacity in the OTs, I am positive that Helen will be able to contribute to this objective on completion of her degree.

HIGHLIGHTS and OVER-DELIVERY

Helen successfully completed her first year. She also attended the Environmental workshop organized by JNCC in March 2010.

PROBLEMS and RESOLUTION

Informal feedback from the OTs indicated that the course offered was too restrictive and the criteria set by the University of Reading meant that many potential applicants were not eligible. To address this we would need to be more flexible in our approach, some potential applicants could be mature students and do not have the formal qualifications but do have the academic ability and experience.

INFORMATION: Is there any information to date that you would like to share with us (that can also be used publicly)

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