

# Young Darwin Scholarship 2015



## Are you...

- ✓ Aged 16 or 17 by 31 August 2015?
- ✓ Studying and interested in: science-especially ecology, geology, geography, the environment?
- ✓ Interested in understanding more about an area - what lives there (plants, animals and humans) and its place in the world?

## ...Yes, then you should apply for a Young Darwin Scholarship

Becoming a Young Darwin Scholar will give you

- the opportunity to take your interest in the natural world further
- a chance to think about options for further studies in ecology, science, geology and other environment based subjects
- a way to find out more about careers working in the environment
- a chance to meet inspiring people and learn more about their work in the environment
- ongoing opportunities, mentoring and support to further your interest and develop your skills over a number of years
- the chance to be part of a network of like minded people and make new friendships
- a scholarship to add to your CV or personal statement

## About the Scholarship...

The Young Darwin Scholarship is **NOT** just a five day residential in August 2015 it's a long term opportunity for Scholars to meet Scholars from previous years , experts, and receive bursaries to attend FSC courses and reunions to further develop interest, knowledge and skills.

- 15 Scholarships will be awarded in 2015 to young people who live in the UK
- Young Darwin Scholars start by attending '*What would Darwin do today?*' a 5 day residential course held in Shropshire near the birthplace of Charles Darwin, the famous naturalist and 'father' of the theory of evolution in August..
- The scholarship will cover 85% of the cost of the initial residential
- Travel bursaries may be available for those with particular financial challenges

- Following the residential Scholars join the YDS group and are kept informed of other opportunities e.g. behind the scenes visits to the Natural History Museum and YDS reunions
- Bursaries are available to attend FSC natural history courses to increase knowledge and skills

**If you are awarded a Scholarship it is a wonderful opportunity for you to make the most of all the opportunities that are offered.**

## About the “What would Darwin do today ?” residential

### What you will do:

- Spend five days following in Darwin’s footsteps discovering the landscape, flora and fauna of Shropshire to observe, explore and understand a place – who and what lives where and how it relates to the world
- Use microscopes, computers and your eyes and ears
- Meet different people and learn more about working in the environment
- Investigate the Preston Montford site with the help of experts
- Go outside - walking, exploring, observing and investigating no matter what the weather be prepared to be active and actively involved, learning through firsthand experience

### Details:

- Dates: 5 days from 22-26 August, 2015
- Venue: FSC Preston Montford near Shrewsbury, Shropshire
- Cost: 85% of the cost will be covered by the scholarship award - you pay only £45. The scholarship covers all food, accommodation, travel and activities during the course
- Programme: A full programme of activities including visits, talks and investigations led by FSC staff and environmental specialists

Field Studies Council, FSC, is an environmental education charity with over 70 years of providing informative and enjoyable opportunities for people of all ages and abilities to discover, explore, and understand the environment.

## Are you interested?

To apply for a scholarship you will need to fill in an application form to tell us about yourself and why you would benefit from a Young Darwin Scholarship. Application forms are available from [sue@field-studies-council.org](mailto:sue@field-studies-council.org) or can be downloaded from [www.field-studies-council.org/yds](http://www.field-studies-council.org/yds).

**Closing date for applications Friday 26 June**  
**Awards will be made at the beginning of July**

**To find out more visit [www.field-studies-council.org/yds](http://www.field-studies-council.org/yds)**

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