

**NERC Associated Studentships:
Examples of activities and
processes NERC would expect to
find in a good Associated
Studentship proposal**



Please note, this list is neither comprehensive nor are the activities on this list required in order to be successful. They are included to provide guidance as to the kind of activities and processes that would help to meet the requirements of the relevant review criterion.

Assessment Criteria	Key aspects for an excellent Associated Studentship proposal	Factors and Evidence that might be discussed
Research Excellence	<p>Training environment includes scientifically excellent and original research within NERC remit, and may include interdisciplinary interfaces with other Research Councils.</p> <p>Training environment includes scientifically excellent and original research within NERC remit, and may include interdisciplinary interfaces with other Research Councils.</p>	<p>RAE 2008 profiles (where relevant).</p> <p>Standing in community - national, international etc.</p> <p>Institutional commitment to research excellence in environmental sciences of hosts RO's.</p>
Training Excellence	<p>Excellent scientific training opportunities</p> <p>Challenging and relevant project(s).</p> <p>Timely access to world-class facilities, direct experience of cutting-edge techniques, technologies, and up-to-date methodologies.</p> <p>Transferrable and professional skills development.</p>	<p>Students have access to, and are encouraged, by peer to peer learning and support.</p> <p>Mechanisms for supervision and monitoring of both student and supervisor.</p> <p>Integration of students into teams/projects/departments/schools</p> <p>How generalist and specialist development needs of individual students will be identified and delivered.</p>

	<p>Excellent training and support for supervisors.</p>	<p>The personal/ professional/ career learning and development that students will receive.</p> <p>The collaborative opportunities, which may include internships, industrial placements, overseas studies, and co-supervisory arrangements.</p> <p>Development of independent researchers and world-leading scientists.</p>
<p>Multidisciplinary Training Environments</p>	<p>Training embedded in multidisciplinary research environments</p>	<p>How students will be made aware of the context of their research and how it relates to other areas</p> <p>Supervisory or wider advisory team engagement in research outside the relevant discipline(s).</p>
<p>Excellent Students</p>	<p>Mechanism for planning, managing and monitoring training.</p> <p>Mechanism for recruiting the most appropriate candidate for the studentship positions available</p>	<p>Competitive mechanisms for awarding the Associated Studentship(s)</p> <p>Excellent students - processes for student recruitment, induction, progression, monitoring and submission.</p> <p>Robust quality-assurance procedures and structures.</p> <p>Arrangements in place for management of data generated by studentship projects.</p>