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# NERC Science Committee Chair Application Form

## Section 1: Applicant Details

Family name:

First name:

Title:

Institution or Organisation:

Contact telephone number:

Email address:

Please advise where you heard about this vacancy:

## Data Protection Consent

The personal data you give us in this form will be used for the purpose of administering the application process to NERC Science Committee.

Your personal data will be handled in line with UK data protection legislation and managed securely. For more information, please read our [Privacy Notice](https://www.ukri.org/who-we-are/privacy-notice/?_ga=2.111793862.331199533.1708335402-224002230.1684922375).

\*By providing your information you are giving consent for NERC to its use as detailed above.

## Disability Confident Scheme

At NERC as part of UKRI we are proud to be users of the disability confident scheme. We guarantee to interview all disabled applicants who meet the essential criteria for any of our vacancies. There following section on the application form is to indicate if you would like to be considered under this scheme.

Please advise if you would like to be considered under the disability confident scheme

Yes

No

If you wish to discuss any accessibility considerations or reasonable adjustment(s) you may require, please respond to [swindongdsadmin@nerc.ukri.org](mailto:swindongdsadmin@nerc.ukri.org%20%20)

## Reasonable Adjustments

We want to make our recruitment processes as well as participation in our boards and panels accessible to all, such as making adjustment for people with a disability.

If you have any queries regarding the application process, if you would like this application in a different format (for example, accessible PDF, large print, easy read, audio recording or braille), or if you would like to discuss how we can support your application please email:

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[Accessibility statement for our website](https://www.ukri.org/who-we-are/accessibility-statement/)

Should your application be successful, we will work to fulfil your requirements to enable you to fully participate in board and panel meetings.

Please let us know in advance if you would like to discuss in confidence how we can support you, or if you require an alternative way to submit your application:

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## Potential or Actual Conflicts of Interest

Please give details of any business or other interests or any personal connections which, if you are appointed, could present a conflict of interest holding this role. These could include financial interests or share ownership, membership of societies, activities, associations or employment of a partner or friend in the particular field in which the public body operates.

Any potential or actual conflicts of interest detailed here will not prevent you going forward to interview but may, if appropriate, be explored with you during your interview to establish how you would address the issue(s) should you be successful in your application. If you have no interests that might be actual or perceived conflicts of interest, please write **“**none**”**.

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## Section 2: Supporting Evidence

a) Please describe your strategic vision for the work of Science Committee and explain why you wish to be appointed as Chair?

(Max 400 words)

Click or tap here to enter text.

b) Please demonstrate your understanding of the environmental challenges confronting the world based on a deep understanding of environmental science with a whole-systems, solution-focused approach. Please evidence your recognised expertise as an environmental scientist.

(Max 400 words).

Click or tap here to enter text.

c) Please outline your experience in chairing a complex, strategic meeting, ensuring that when required, agreed decisions are reached.

(Max 300 words).

Click or tap here to enter text.

d) Please demonstrate your ability to act impartially and ensure the actions of the Committee are objective and fair across the entire Science remit.

(Max 300 words).

Click or tap here to enter text.

e) Please outline your experience in strategic planning and projections of large investment portfolios and programmes involving some or all of: research; innovation; training and skills; scientific infrastructures and services; international partnership

(Max 300 words)

Click or tap here to enter text.

f) Please demonstrate your understanding and appreciation of the role of the NERC institutes alongside that of the Higher Education Institutions.

(Max 300 words)

Click or tap here to enter text.

g) Please demonstrate your ability to quickly gain the confidence of stakeholders and communities across NERC.

(Max 300 words)

Click or tap here to enter text.

h) Please demonstrate your Insights to support [NERC’s responsible business statement](https://www.ukri.org/publications/nerc-responsible-business-statement/) ambitions and and ensure Science Committee considers equality, diversity and inclusion in its advice;

(Max 400 words)

Click or tap here to enter text.

## Equal Opportunities Monitoring Information.

The data is being collected to enable us to monitor the diversity of applicants to key NERC governance bodies. We need your help and co-operation to enable us to do this, however ﬁlling in this form is voluntary. All information will be held confidentially and treated as strictly confidential. Analysis of the aggregated information will be used for statistical purposes and reporting, and a summary of the information will be published on the NERC website.

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At UKRI, we believe that everyone has a right to be treated with dignity and respect, and to be provided with opportunities to flourish and succeed in a supportive environment. We also value diversity of thought and experience within inclusive groups, organisations and the wider community.  
  
To maintain the UK’s world-leading position in this field, we want to become even better at attracting and nurturing people from the widest possible pool and enabling them to fulfil their career ambitions. We believe we can inspire, engage with and learn from all our people to maximise the benefits that diversity of thought and experience can provide.

The 7 questions (Age, Disability, Ethnicity, Place, Sex, Gender, and Location) will enable us to build an accurate picture of the make-up of our applicants.

Please follow this link: [NERC Science Committee recruitment EDI data collection survey 2025](https://engagementhub.ukri.org/nerc-governanceassuranceperformance/copy-of-copy-of-copy-of-copy-of-nerc-science-commi/)

Please send all completed applications, along with a CV (no longer than 2 pages) to:

By email: [swindongdsadmin@nerc.ukri.org](mailto:swindongdsadmin@nerc.ukri.org) Attention of: Gemma Davies

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