



Lund Fellowship Guidance 2025

Introduction

The Lund Fellowship helps people with a connection to the High Weald gain knowledge and skills that will benefit the community and landscape.

You can apply for up to £7,500 towards a range of activities, including going to conferences, visiting organisations doing interesting work and attending training courses. You will have up to two years to complete the fellowship and will be expected to produce a report on what you do. We will also ask you to present what you learn to the Lund Trust and High Weald National Landscape Partnership. We will award one to two fellowships a year.

The fellowship complements the work of the [High Weald Nature and Community Fund](#) (formerly Sussex Lund) which supports work that benefits nature and people across the High Weald.

Aim

It is expected that fellowship activity will help:

- Inspire people, enhance knowledge, and enable the exchange of ideas.
- Improve the natural environment of the High Weald.
- Create a greener economy within the High Weald.

Areas of interest

We are open to a range of ideas, so long as you can demonstrate how your idea links to the aims of the fellowship programme. Examples of themes that are relevant:

- Improving farming and land management for nature.
- Building a greener economy that can be sustained by the community.
- Engaging young people in community, nature, and land management.
- Species reintroductions.

Eligibility

You must be over 18, have a demonstrable connection and interest in the High Weald, and have some experience or knowledge drawn from your studies, work, or volunteering, in a field relevant to the fellowship.

Your commitment

You will need to:

- complete your fellowship within two years according to the timetable in your proposal.
- provide occasional updates on your fellowship via email or phone.



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- provide a report on your findings at the end of the fellowship period. This should be freely available to the public.
- present your findings to the Lund Trust and High Weald National Landscape Partnership.
- keep a log of your expenditure and retain supporting evidence.

What the funding covers

Funding can be for anything reasonably required to complete the aims of your fellowship. This includes research costs; conference, training, and course fees; travel expenses associated with study or study tours (within the UK and Europe only); educational resources; and support required to complete and promote your report e.g. report writing, film production or website creation. This is not an exhaustive list, and we will consider ideas on a case-by-case basis.

The fellowship does not support university tuition fees or university assignments.

You can apply for up to £7,500. Payment will be made in stages based on the budget in your initial proposal.

Assessment

Our selection criteria are broad to allow for as many interesting projects as possible. However, it is essential that you have a clear idea of your goals and how they relate to improving the High Weald landscape. You may find the [High Weald Management Plan 2024-2029](#) useful.

For applicants that are shortlisted there will be an informal interview with representatives of the Lund Trust and High Weald National Landscape team. The decision to make an award will be made at the annual High Weald Nature and Community Fund panel meeting.

Application deadline and decision date 2024

The panel considers applications once a year. You can submit your application anytime until the programme closes at midnight on Monday 14 July 2024.

Informal interviews will be held at the end of August/beginning of September. Decision notifications will be sent by the end of September 2025.

