

NERC BAS Advanced Training Short Course

**An Introduction to Polar Fieldwork
for Early Career Researchers**

NERC Arctic Station, Ny Ålesund, Svalbard, Norway

Provisional course dates: 15 April – 02 May 2023*

Deadline for applications: 23:59 – 22nd November 2022

Do you know the science theory but are unsure of how to apply it on the ice?

Here's a unique chance for PhD students and Early Career Researchers to gain practical skills of working safely and effectively in the polar regions. Using leading polar experts, participants will learn how to translate exciting scientific ideas into safe, achievable and effective field plans. The course consists of approximately six days of theoretical and practical work at the NERC high Arctic Research Station in Ny Ålesund, Svalbard.

You'll be working with some of the UK's leading Scientists and Operations Managers and looking at many aspects of polar science, including:

- ❖ working on the Midrelovenbreen Glacier to carry out a radar survey of ice
- ❖ working offshore taking biological samples to develop general skills in small boat survey work
- ❖ helping to plan each day and take turns at leading the team.



The course is open to NERC and UKRI funded PhDs and Early Career Researchers. **We actively encourage applications from under-represented groups including ethnic minorities, mature or disabled students, students with caring responsibilities, first generation students to attain a degree, and those who do not yet have any polar fieldwork experience.**

You will need to have a current passport valid for at least 12 months from the time of travel. Numbers are limited to a maximum of 16 places.

Costs for return travel, accommodation, subsistence from London Heathrow Airport to Ny-Ålesund, Svalbard, Norway, course materials and instruction are covered by the training grant. Other costs including travel to/from London Heathrow Airport must be met by the participant.

To apply, please complete the [application form here](#) by **23:59 -22nd November 2022**. Unfortunately, we are unable to consider late applications. For informal enquiries, please contact [Ali Teague](#)



***Important**

Whilst we will do our utmost to run the course, applicants should be aware that due to the tight timescales, availability of travel & accommodation, and unpredictable weather conditions, the course may be subject to change, delay or cancellation at short notice.

Indicative timetable:-

Travel from London – Ny Ålesund

Group 1 – 15th April 2023

Group 2 – 22nd April 2023

Training in Ny Ålesund

Group 1 – 17th April 2023

Group 2 – 24th April 2023

Return to UK

Group 1 – 24th April 2023

Group 2 – 2nd May 2023