

# Equipped for Success

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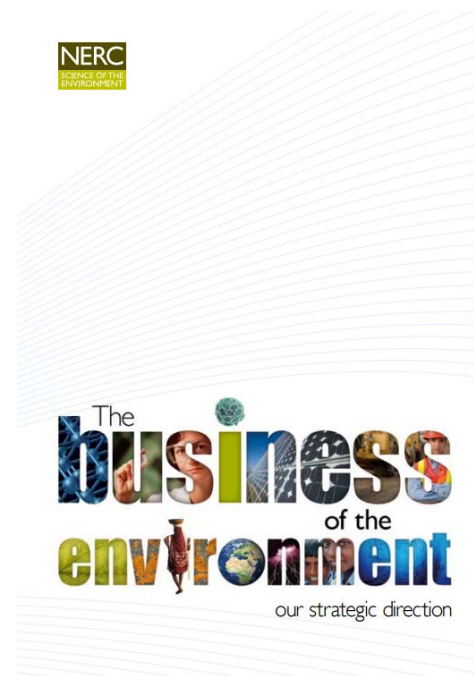
David Roberts, NERC Research Careers  
Valuing Nature Business Impact School  
7<sup>th</sup> March 2017



# Why does NERC support training?

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*“To sustain the flow of top talent and skills for UK science, business and government”*



# What do environmental researchers do?

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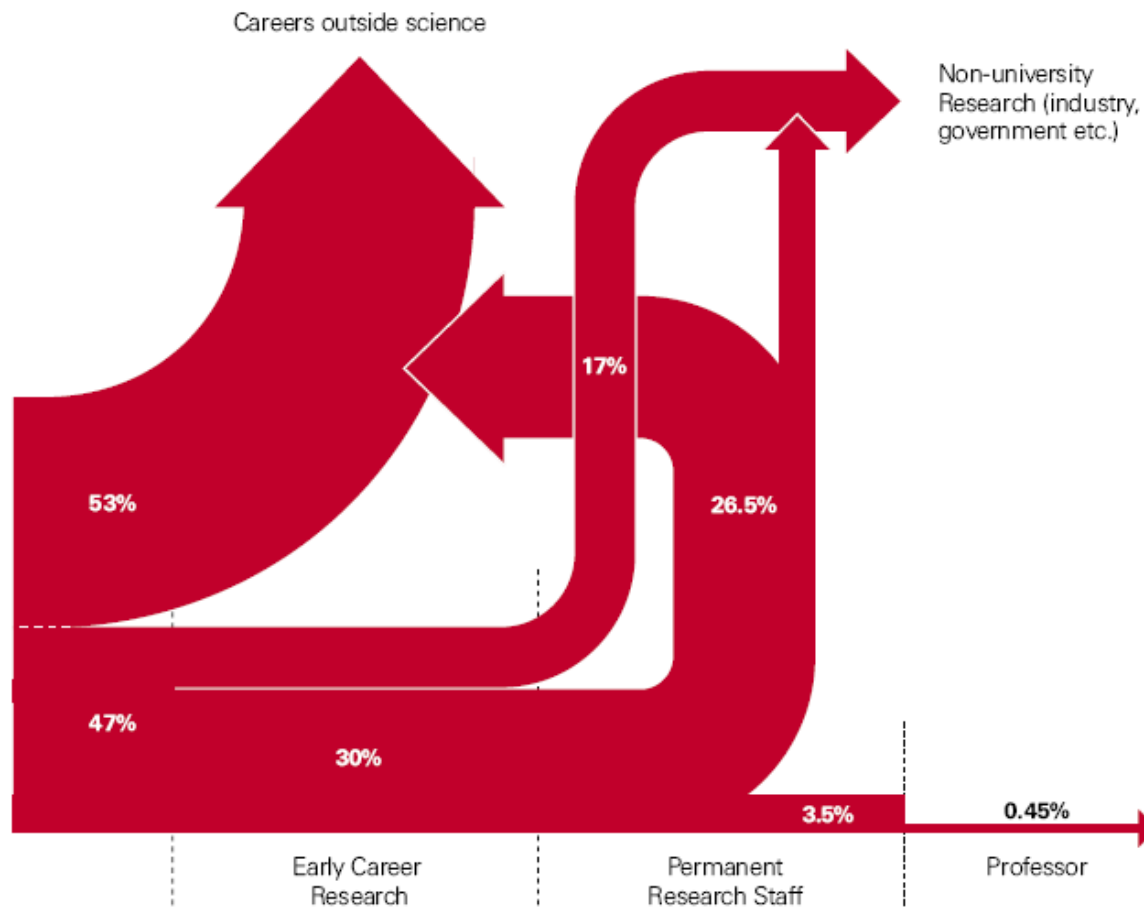
- Research in academia
- Research outside of academia
- Public sector
- Private sector
- Third sector/Charity
- Anything!

Training in environmental research does not restrict you to being an environmental researcher.



# Researcher for life?

Figure 1.6 **Careers in and outside science**



Royal Society, *The Scientific Century: securing our future prosperity*, 2010.



# What does a modern environmental researcher need?

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- Technical research skills
- Understanding of the role of research in informing policy
- The role of research within the UK economy
- Broader transferable skills, such as presentation skills, writing, project management, etc.
- Appreciation of the wide applications of their talents.



# How does NERC address these skills needs?

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- Doctoral programmes (DTPs and CDTs)
- Focussed training awards (CDTs & CASE)
- Non-PhD skills training programmes



# 2017 Request for Evidence of training priority

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- Open to anyone until April 12<sup>th</sup>
- Will inform Centre for Doctoral Training topics as well as other training schemes
- Spread the word!



# Thank you

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