



## Internship: Research Assistant – Pig Farming & Sustainability

### 3 posts available

**Hosts:** University of Oxford, in collaboration with Pilgrim's Europe

**Location:** UK-based in Suffolk, or remote with occasional trips to Oxford and Suffolk (travel expenses covered as appropriate)

**Duration:** 8–12 weeks | Start: asap, e.g. approximately June 8<sup>th</sup>, End: by July 31<sup>st</sup>

**Paid:** (good salary, e.g. £16.92 per hour for an undergraduate) with paid holiday leave pro rata

**Hours:** Full time (part time can be considered on a case-by-case basis)

**If you are interested, please send your CV and a cover letter (max 1 page each) to:**

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Dr Harriet Bartlett ([harriet.bartlett@smithschool.ox.ac.uk](mailto:harriet.bartlett@smithschool.ox.ac.uk))

Asap, before 5pm GMT on the 30<sup>th</sup> of May 2026.

### About the Project

Help shape the future of sustainable farming. This internship is part of a cutting-edge collaboration between the University of Oxford and Pilgrim's Europe, tackling one of the biggest challenges and opportunities in UK agriculture: improving the sustainability of pig farming.

You'll play a hands-on role in gathering vital data from farmers across the country, insights that will feed directly into world-class research and industry action on climate-smart farming.

### What You'll Do

- **Engage with farmers:** Conduct structured telephone interviews, building rapport and collecting reliable data.
- **Collect and record accurate data:** Record responses in survey tools and check figures (kg, t, kWh, L) for accuracy and plausibility.
- **Feedback and collaborate with the team:** Regularly feedback to the team to summarise your progress, highlight trends etc.

### What We're Looking For

Essential:

- Quantitative skills and an eye for detail.



- Familiarity with pig farming systems and terminology.
- A clear, confident, and friendly phone manner.

#### Desirable:

- Experience running surveys or interviews.
- Knowledge of farm sustainability and carbon footprinting.
- Experience with survey software and Excel.

#### Why Join Us?

- **Training & mentoring** in interviewing, data quality assurance, and farm carbon analysis.
- **Real impact:** Contribute to research with the potential to transform the sustainability of UK livestock farming.
- **Career boost:** Gain sought-after skills and experience at the intersection of academia, industry, and climate action.
- **Networking:** Work with leading researchers and one of the UK's largest food companies, Pilgrim's Europe and the University of Oxford.