WANTS & NEEDS OF EARLY CAREER RESEARCHERS (ECRs) WORKING IN THE UK AQUACULTURE SECTOR

We asked ECRs where they want to be, how can they get there and which opportunities can really help them. These are the results.

Which technical and soft skills are ECRs interested to develop?

N.B. Early career researchers are defined as those within 10 years of finishing their PhD (excluding career breaks).

How interested would ECRs be in the following opportunities?

Which top 3 opportunities could most strongly benefit ECRs’ career?

69% selected funding within the top opportunities that could benefit their career. It was the most frequently chosen factor.

What prevents ECRs from attending development opportunities?

Which workshops are most ECRs very interested in?

Which companies would ECRs like to build links with?

54% are interested in joint research projects

34% are interested in working for the industry
WHO ARE THE EARLY CAREER RESEARCHERS (ECRs) WORKING IN UK AQUACULTURE?

39 ECRs responded to this questionnaire

Do ECRs have any previous experience outside academia?
54% of ECRs have previous experience outside academia

Do ECRs prefer to build a career in industry or academia?
79% of ECRs would prefer to remain in academia

Who do ECRs collaborate with?
84% of ECRs collaborate with two or more of these groups

What is their current affiliation?

How many years do ECRs have post-PhD?

What is their current areas of research?