

# Bees for Development

## Fellowship Summary

Beekeeping is an income-generating activity much practised in developing commonwealth countries in Africa. Bees are less expensive than other forms of livestock, they do not need daily care and feeding and yet the market for good quality honey and beeswax is thriving. In Ghana cashew-farmers who keep bees produce twice as many cashew nuts than farmers without bees, due to the pollination the bees provide.

The Fellowship will provide exposure, new knowledge and enhanced capacity to three professionals who are dedicated to supporting this otherwise marginalised sector.

On returning to their home countries the Fellows will return to their roles as change-agents and work for organisations who serve beekeepers nationwide and in addition to delivering services directly (knowledge, information, scientific advances) they will also catalyse like-minded organisations to support the sector.

## Weblink for Candidates

<https://www.beesfordevelopment.org/>

## Eligibility

Our programme focuses on fellows working in the beekeeping development sector. We welcome applications from early-career and mid-career professionals interested to develop skills in beekeeping training, education and development of training resources. We are looking for talented and enthusiastic people working directly with grassroots communities and wish to develop their skills in engaging with communities, designing and fundraising for beekeeping projects, supporting people to access markets for honey and beeswax and communicating the importance of apiculture development for poverty reduction and biodiversity conservation.

## Proposed Programme Dates

16 March 2026 to 24 April 2026

## Proposed Activity

Week 1 - 16/03/26 - 20/03/26 BfD Office, Monmouth.

Induction to Bees for Development work programmes, team, processes and systems. Deep immersion in Bees for Development

Nature-based Beekeeping (N-bB) approach and its links to sustainable livelihoods.

Week 2 - 20/03/26 - 27/03/26 Monmouth/Talybont, Aberystwyth.

An introduction to beekeeping in the UK. Seeing the differences and experiencing working with UK bees and beehives.

Visit to commercial bee farmer and honey processing facility; learn about commercial links between UK business and beekeepers in Africa and how N-bB fits with international supply chains.

Week 3 - 30/03/26 - 03/04/26 - Monmouth

Working with BfD communications team, develop understanding about the use of social media for communicating work, enhancing networking and for fundraising.

Week 4 - 06/04/26 - 10/04/26 - Oxfordshire/Monmouth

Visit to Rowse honey company to learn about the demand for importing honey to the UK to create a better understanding of global honey markets.

Week 5 - 13/04/26 - 17/04/26 - Cardiff/Telford.

Visit Hub Cymru Africa to learn more about Wales's commitment to international development in Africa and join a comprehensive session on safeguarding.

BBKA Spring convention - Join BfD at our stand at the BBKA spring convention and share your knowledge and experience with UK beekeepers as well as attend lectures and workshops from a range of beekeeping experts.

Week 6 - 20/04/26 - 24/04/26 - Monmouth

Working with BfD team, develop a training curriculum for N-bB suitable for college students in Africa.

## Priority Theme

Promoting global prosperity