

BBSRC Research Experience Placements 2018

Purpose

REPs are designed to:

- give promising undergraduates a first-hand opportunity to gain greater experience of research in the biosciences
- raise the profile of research careers amongst undergraduate students
- interest students in postgraduate research in strategically important areas for BBSRC

Further details are available: <http://www.bbsrc.ac.uk/funding/studentships/research-experience-placements.aspx>

Eligibility

Selected students must be:

- In the middle years of their first degree studies (normally between years 2 and 3 for students on a 3-year undergraduate programme)
- Registered for a basic science (including mathematics and engineering) or veterinary degree at a UK university
- Expected to obtain a first or upper second class UK honours degree

Preference will be given to students who wish to use the placement to find out more about their suitability and aptitude for further research, particularly if the project is in an area of science different from their main subject area.

Research projects

Research projects must:

- Have a clearly defined objective
- Be within the remit of BBSRC and relate to a relevant strategic area
- Be suitable for a student to complete within the timescale of the award
- Not be part of the normal degree course or propose that the student undertakes the research outside of the UK
- Give scope for thought and initiative on the part of the student and should not use the student as a general assistant

Method of selection

A panel consisting of the Newcastle/Liverpool/Durham BBSRC Doctoral Training Partnership Director, the Newcastle BBSRC DTP Director and members of the Newcastle BBSRC DTP Management Group will judge applications primarily on academic merit and potential for providing research training. Preference will be given to:

- Projects within BBSRC Strategic areas

- Research projects that have a clearly defined objective that is achievable by the student in the time available. (Research Scholarships will not be awarded for work that will form a normal part of the student's undergraduate degree work.)
- Projects that give scope for initiative on the part of the student and that do not use the student as a general assistant.
- Students demonstrating academic achievement, potential, show an interest in and motivation to undertake research.

Report

A condition of the award is that the student and the supervisor are required to submit a brief report on the outcome of the REP to BBSRC within three months of completion of the placement.

See: <http://www.bbsrc.ac.uk/funding/studentships/research-experience-placements.aspx> for further details.

Presentation of results

It is expected that students will be willing to participate in events to disseminate the results of their REP. This may include at the reception on **Wednesday 28 November 2018**, where students successful in the Newcastle University Research Scholarships Scheme will make poster presentations.

Research support available

Duration

Each REP is for up to 10 weeks during the summer vacation in a UK higher education institution or research institute.

Support costs

The value of a REP is £2,500 to cover a stipend of £200 per week to the student and a contribution towards research expenses during the placement.

Closing Date

The closing date for receipt of applications is **1.00 pm on Friday 16 March 2018**. Applicants will be notified of the outcome by early May 2018.

Further Details

Any specific queries concerning the scheme or the completion of the Application Form should be addressed to BBSRC Research Experience Placement, Graduate School, Faculty of Medical Sciences, Ridley (1), Level 3, Queen Victoria Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 7RU: medpg-enquiries@ncl.ac.uk

BBSRC Research Experience Placement Application 2018

(Please note: Only legible applications will be considered - please complete in typescript of not less than 11 point. Refer to the appropriate notes before completing this form.)

PART 1 – TO BE COMPLETED BY STUDENT

The Student

Please give details of the student for whom the scholarship is proposed.

Name:

Student ID number (as on smartcard):

Degree programme:

Faculty and School:

Telephone & E-mail Address:

University examination results by module to date (**You MUST attach a copy of your current University transcript**):

Project Title

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Brief summary of the research for lay readers (100 words maximum)

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Start Date : <i>(Earliest date is Monday 11 June 2018)</i>	
End Date: <i>(Latest date is Friday 7 September 2018)</i>	
Number of weeks: <i>(Min: 8 weeks; Max: 10 weeks)</i>	

Statement from the student

Please explain why you wish to be considered for a Research Scholarship and what you hope to gain from the experience.

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Signature of Student..... Date.....

PART II – TO BE COMPLETED BY SUPERVISOR

Project Supervisor

Name _____

School/Institute _____

Telephone _____ E Mail Address _____

Project Description from the Supervisor

Please give more details of the project, its major focus, the suitability for a student and the outcome you anticipate. Please describe the student's role and what arrangements will be in place to supervise him/her. Maximum 2 pages

The project must fall within BBSRC remit. Please indicate which BBSRC Strategic priorities the project meets:

Bioscience for Health

Agriculture and Food Security

World Class Underpinning Bioscience

Other Applications:

Have you applied (student and supervisor) under the Newcastle University Research Scholarship scheme?

Yes

No

Please give details of any applications made to outside organisations for support for this project and dates of expected results of these.

Signature of Supervisor Date

Closing date: **1pm Friday 16 March 2018**. Late applications will not be considered.

Application forms must be submitted electronically in word or PDF format to medpg-enquiries@ncl.ac.uk