

## Summer Vacation Studentships / Placements

The following organisations and societies offer funding to enable UK undergraduate students to work in an institutional research lab during summer vacations or offer a summer placement or internship scheme in an industrial or research setting. Also included are some grants / awards for small research projects which can be undertaken at any time of year. Funding amounts and closing dates vary, some require the lab leader or placement supervisor applying for the grant to be members of the society or already in receipt of a grant from the organisation.

Please note the UK Centre for Bioscience is unable to offer funding for summer studentships or placement opportunities for students.

If you would like any further information on any of the studentships or placements listed in this document **please contact the organisation offering the funding.**

If you have details of any further organisations who offer studentships or placements to UK students you would like to add to the list please contact Katherine Clark at the UK Centre for Bioscience on [k.a.clark@leeds.ac.uk](mailto:k.a.clark@leeds.ac.uk)

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### Association for the study of Animal Behaviour Undergraduate Project Scholarships

The scholarships aim to enable undergraduates to undertake supervised research projects, which fall within the field of animal behaviour, lasting from 1 to 8 weeks during academic vacations, in a higher education institution. Undergraduates may also apply for awards for work to be carried out in the vacation immediately following graduation.

<http://asab.nottingham.ac.uk/grants/under.php>

### AstraZeneca summer vacation placements

AstraZeneca offer a range of placement opportunities including summer vacation programmes available to students studying a full-time university degree course.

[www.ideas.astrazeneca.com/sandwich-and-summer-placements/](http://www.ideas.astrazeneca.com/sandwich-and-summer-placements/)

### BBSRC Research Experience Placements

The Awards aims to: give promising undergraduates a first-hand opportunity to gain greater experience of research in the biosciences; raise the profile of research careers among undergraduate students; and interest students in postgraduate research in strategically important areas for BBSRC.

[www.bbsrc.ac.uk/funding/studentships/research-experience-placements.aspx](http://www.bbsrc.ac.uk/funding/studentships/research-experience-placements.aspx)

### Biochemical Society

Applications must be made on behalf of and in association with a named student. Applicants (supervisors) must be members of the Biochemical Society working in a university or research institute. The student applicant would ideally be an undergraduate studying a degree course in biochemistry or a related molecular life science subject. Students will take up the award during the summer vacation before their final year.

[www.biochemistry.org/Grants/EducationalGrants/SummerVacationStudentships.aspx](http://www.biochemistry.org/Grants/EducationalGrants/SummerVacationStudentships.aspx)

### Botanical Society of the British Isles Plant Study Grants

Plant Study Grants (PSGs) are given to promote study of British vascular flora by both undergraduate and postgraduate students. They are intended for undergraduates who wish to continue working on botanical projects in the summer vacation prior to their final year and for self-funding postgraduate students to assist with their registration fees where alternative sources of funding are inadequate. PSGs are only open to current BSBI members.

[www.bsbi.org.uk/training.html](http://www.bsbi.org.uk/training.html)

Available from the UK Centre for Bioscience  
[www.bioscience.heacademy.ac.uk/resources/difflearn.aspx](http://www.bioscience.heacademy.ac.uk/resources/difflearn.aspx)

### **Botanical Society of Scotland Support for Student Fieldwork**

Fieldwork projects for which financial support is sought:

- (i) should not form part of a university or college course
- (ii) should be undertaken in the British Isles, preferably in Scotland
- (iii) may be carried out by individual students or groups of students

The maximum grant available for each project is £400.

[www.botanical-society-scotland.org.uk/content/support-student-fieldwork-0](http://www.botanical-society-scotland.org.uk/content/support-student-fieldwork-0)

### **British Dragonfly Society Grants for Young Odonatists - Philip Corbet Award Fund**

The purpose of the fund is to provide some financial support for young people (anyone up to the age of 25) who are engaged in, or wish to establish, a small odonatological research project. The potential research topics are wide-ranging and could involve almost anything that may further biological or ecological knowledge, or support the conservation of British dragonflies.

[www.dragonflysoc.org.uk/projects.html](http://www.dragonflysoc.org.uk/projects.html)

### **British Lichen Society Summer Vacation scholarship**

The British Lichen Society offers one student scholarship annually for a summer vacation project at a British academic or other research institution. Suitable candidates are likely to be higher education/university students who would like to pursue a project investigating some aspect of lichenology. This could involve, for example, their ecology, taxonomy, physiology, structure, evolution or chemistry, or an area of particular local interest.

[www.thebls.org.uk/content/sumschol.html](http://www.thebls.org.uk/content/sumschol.html)

### **British Mycological Society Undergraduate Student Bursaries**

The Society offers a number of Undergraduate Student Bursaries to give experience of research in any branch of mycology. The awards will provide support for the student normally for a period of between 4 and 10 weeks in the summer vacation prior to their final year of study. Overheads will not be paid but a sum of up to £250 is available to the host institution as a contribution to consumable costs of the research if funds are not available from other sources.

[www.britmycolsoc.org.uk/society/grants-and-prizes/undergraduate-bursary/](http://www.britmycolsoc.org.uk/society/grants-and-prizes/undergraduate-bursary/)

### **British Pharmacological Society Vacation Studentships**

Aim to encourage consideration of a pharmacology specialism for either school leavers entering a biomedical science degree, or undergraduates studying biomedical science. Each studentship will provide funding to support the living costs of the student while they undertake a summer vacation research project in the host laboratory.

[www.bps.ac.uk/site/cms/contentCategoryView.asp?category=229#ASIF](http://www.bps.ac.uk/site/cms/contentCategoryView.asp?category=229#ASIF)

### **British Phycological Society Summer Undergraduate Research Projects**

These aim to give students an opportunity to carry out a research project during the summer vacation. The emphasis is on providing a research experience and training for the student. Summer projects usually last from 6-8 weeks. Applications are made by the project supervisor either for a named student or to enable a student to be sought.

[www.brphycsoc.org/funding.lasso](http://www.brphycsoc.org/funding.lasso)

### **British Society of Animal Science (BSAS) Summer Placement Scheme**

The scheme enables companies and institutes to have access to students to help complete specific projects and tasks. Depending upon the individual companies and institutes involved the work available ranges from practical field work or lab studies to computerised data handling of literature reviews and report writing. BSAS help match appropriate companies and students and put them in touch. Placements last for a minimum of 6 weeks.

[www.bsas.org.uk/funds,\\_awards\\_&\\_jobs/summer\\_placement\\_scheme/](http://www.bsas.org.uk/funds,_awards_&_jobs/summer_placement_scheme/)

### **British Society for Antimicrobial Chemotherapy Vacation Scholarship Grants**

Vacation Scholarships are designed to give undergraduates experience in research. Research projects funded under the scheme can last up to 10 weeks.

[www.bsac.org.uk/FundingOpportunities/Vacation+Scholarship](http://www.bsac.org.uk/FundingOpportunities/Vacation+Scholarship)

### **British Society for Cell Biology (BSCB) Summer Studentships**

The BSCB Summer Vacation Studentships offer financial support for high calibre undergraduate students, who wish to gain research experience in cell biology during their summer vacation.

Applications must be made by the prospective supervisor on behalf of a named student.

[www.bscb.org/?url=studentships/index](http://www.bscb.org/?url=studentships/index)

### **British Society for Neuroendocrinology (BSN) Undergraduate student laboratory experience grants**

Undergraduate student laboratory experience grants provide some financial support for a student who undertakes a vacation lab project, open to all BSN members.

[www.neuroendo.org.uk/content/view/14/17/](http://www.neuroendo.org.uk/content/view/14/17/)

### **British Society for Parasitology Garnham Expeditionary Scholarship**

This award aims to give parasitologists at an early stage in their careers (undergraduates or PhD students) the opportunity to undertake field studies in parasitology. It is particularly aimed at candidates who wish to undertake studies under demanding conditions.

[www.bsp.uk.net/awards/award\\_garnham.php](http://www.bsp.uk.net/awards/award_garnham.php)

### **British Society for Plant Pathology (BSPP) Undergraduate Vacation Bursary Fund**

The undergraduate vacation bursary is open to all BSPP members and will provide modest support for work on specified research projects during the summer vacation. The objective of the bursaries is to provide undergraduates considering a research career with some practical experience in a plant pathology laboratory and to assist supervisors to meet some specific research objectives.

[www.bspp.org.uk/funds/vacation.php](http://www.bspp.org.uk/funds/vacation.php)

### **Carnegie Scholarships**

Undergraduates who were born in Scotland or who have a parent born in Scotland or who have at least two years of secondary education in Scotland, may be considered for the award of a Vacation Scholarship for the pursuit of a full-time research project, usually in the vacation between their second and third years. Scholarships are for maintenance of up to a maximum of eight weeks, whether based at home, elsewhere in the UK, or abroad.

[www.carnegie-trust.org/our-award-schemes/undergraduate-schemes.html#vacation](http://www.carnegie-trust.org/our-award-schemes/undergraduate-schemes.html#vacation)

### **Defence Science and Technology Laboratory (Dstl)**

Dstl offers a broad range of university students the opportunity to participate in their industrial internship schemes, and offers a number of holiday placements, mainly in the summer.

[www.dstl.gov.uk/careers/stuopps.php](http://www.dstl.gov.uk/careers/stuopps.php)

### **Genetics Society Genes and Development Summer Studentships**

The aim of the Genes and Development Summer Studentship scheme is to provide financial support for undergraduate students in any area of genetics, to gain research experience by carrying out a research project in the long vacation, usually prior to their final year. Studentships will only be awarded for students who have yet to complete their first degree i.e. who will still be undergraduates during the long vacation when they do the studentship.

[www.genetics.org.uk/page/2717/Genes-and-Development-summer-studentships.html](http://www.genetics.org.uk/page/2717/Genes-and-Development-summer-studentships.html)

### **Genesis-Faraday & BSAS (British Society of Animal Science) Vacation Scholarships**

BSAS/Genesis Faraday Vacation Scholarship Awards aim to encourage undergraduates into research in the field of farm animal genetics and genomics. Scholarships are available for a minimum of six and a maximum of eight weeks' work. Research Institutes and Universities that are paid up members of Genesis Faraday Partnership can apply to host a Vacation Scholarship. The project must be in the field of Genetics and Genomics as applied to Livestock Breeding and/or Animal Health on one of the farmed terrestrial species or farmed fish.

[www.bsas.org.uk/Funds,\\_awards\\_&\\_Jobs/Genesis-Faraday\\_&\\_BSAS\\_Vacation\\_Scholarships/](http://www.bsas.org.uk/Funds,_awards_&_Jobs/Genesis-Faraday_&_BSAS_Vacation_Scholarships/)

### **GlaxoSmithKline Summer Placements**

Summer placements typically last 8 to 12 weeks, GSK are interested in students who can add value to the company through their skills and experience and who, after graduation, may be able to fill some full-time roles (subject to success at selection events).

[www.gsk.com/careers/uk-stud-summer-plac.htm](http://www.gsk.com/careers/uk-stud-summer-plac.htm)

### **John Innes Centre Undergraduate Summer Vacation Bursaries**

Many labs at JIC welcome undergraduates to work on research projects during the summer vacation. Students typically work in a lab for around 8 weeks during the summer vacation. This provides an excellent opportunity to gain first hand research experience in an internationally respected lab and is particularly useful for undergraduates who may be considering taking up a PhD studentship. The ideal time for this experience is during the summer vacation following the 2nd year of an undergraduate course.

[www.jic.ac.uk/students/undergrad\\_bursaries.html](http://www.jic.ac.uk/students/undergrad_bursaries.html)

### **Marine Biological Association of the UK**

**Student Bursaries:** The Association awards a number of grants each year to Members for work to be carried out in Plymouth. A limited number of bursaries are available to enable undergraduates to gain experience by working in the MBA Laboratory. They are available throughout the year but students wishing to be considered for the summer vacation are advised to apply before the end of February.

**Spooner fund student bursary:** The fund aims to encourage enterprising students to experience marine biological research at the MBA.

[www.mba.ac.uk/awardsgrants.php](http://www.mba.ac.uk/awardsgrants.php)

### **Merck, Sharp and Dohme Industrial Placements**

MSD offers a number of industrial and summer placement opportunities for undergraduates looking to gain experience of working in the pharmaceutical industry. To be considered for a student placement at MSD, students should: Be studying for a degree that is relevant to the placement you wish to apply for; Have achieved at least a 2.1 in the first year of the course, and have obtained good 'A' level grades or equivalent; and Be able to demonstrate a range of interpersonal and communication skills, drive and initiative

[www.msd-uk.com/content/corporate/careers/placement.html](http://www.msd-uk.com/content/corporate/careers/placement.html)

### **Nuffield Foundation Undergraduate Research Bursaries in Science**

Nuffield Undergraduate Research Bursaries offer up to 450 funded places a year, helping undergraduates across the UK to gain an insight into scientific research careers. Supervisors are invited to apply on behalf of a named student. Students and supervisors should develop the project and application together.

[www.nuffieldfoundation.org/undergraduate-research-bursaries-science](http://www.nuffieldfoundation.org/undergraduate-research-bursaries-science)

### **Physiological Society Vacation Studentships**

Vacation Studentships offer undergraduate students who have completed at least two years of full time study in a higher education institute or equivalent, the opportunity to undertake physiological research projects.

[www.physoc.org/site/cms/contentCategoryView.asp?category=350](http://www.physoc.org/site/cms/contentCategoryView.asp?category=350)

### **Pathological Society Undergraduate Bursary**

The Pathological Society of Great Britain and Ireland offers a number of bursaries to undergraduate students of medicine, veterinary medicine, dentistry or biomedical science to enable them to work for elective or vacation periods in departments of pathology in universities, medical schools, NHS labs or research institutes in the UK or overseas.

[www.pathsoc.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=51&Itemid=79](http://www.pathsoc.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=51&Itemid=79)

### **Society for Applied Microbiology (SfAM) Students into Work**

The Society offers FULL members the opportunity to give undergraduate students studying microbiology as part of their degree, or those who have recently graduated, the chance to obtain work experience. Grants can be made available to any full member who is able to offer a suitable work placement for a period of up to 10 weeks any time during the year.

[www.sfam.org.uk/grants.php?2](http://www.sfam.org.uk/grants.php?2)

### **Society for General Microbiology (SGM) Vacation Studentships**

These awards are intended to enable undergraduates to work on microbiological research projects during the summer vacation. The purpose of the awards is to provide undergraduates with experience of research and to encourage them to consider a career in scientific research. Applications on behalf of named students are invited from SGM members in higher education institutions and research institutes.

[www.sgm.ac.uk/grants/vs.cfm](http://www.sgm.ac.uk/grants/vs.cfm)

### **Society for Reproduction and Fertility Vacation Scholarships**

The Society for Reproduction and Fertility invites applications from undergraduate students for a limited number of Vacation Scholarships. The objective of these scholarships is to enable particularly promising students to work during the summer vacation in university departments or research institutes in the UK or Irish Republic on research projects related to reproduction, fertility and lactation in man and other animals.

[www.srf-reproduction.org/education/vacation.htm](http://www.srf-reproduction.org/education/vacation.htm)

### **Sanger Institute Placements**

Undergraduate placements are available to degree level students (including medical and veterinary students) who are seeking research/work experience, usually during the summer break. Placements are typically for three months between June and September although it may be possible to accommodate alternative periods on request.

[www.sanger.ac.uk/workstudy/placements/](http://www.sanger.ac.uk/workstudy/placements/)

### **Society for Endocrinology Summer Studentships for Undergraduate Students**

The studentships have been established to assist undergraduate students, in gaining research experience by working in a research environment. Applications are invited from Society members for Summer Studentships. Full members may apply if they hold a minimum of 1 year's membership.

[www.endocrinology.org/grants/grant\\_summerstudentships.html](http://www.endocrinology.org/grants/grant_summerstudentships.html)

### **Universities Federation for Animal Welfare (UFAW) Student Scholarship**

Applications are welcome from individuals studying at universities or colleges in the British Isles or an overseas institution at which there is a UFAW University Links representative. Students will usually be undertaking courses in the agricultural, biological, psychological, veterinary or zoological sciences.

[www.ufaw.org.uk/vacationScholarshipawards.php](http://www.ufaw.org.uk/vacationScholarshipawards.php)

### **Wellcome Trust Biomedical Science Vacation Scholarships**

The Vacation Scholarship is intended to provide promising undergraduates with 'hands-on' experience of research during the summer vacation and to encourage them to consider a career in research.

[www.wellcome.ac.uk/Funding/Biomedical-science/Grants/Undergraduate-support/WTD004448.htm](http://www.wellcome.ac.uk/Funding/Biomedical-science/Grants/Undergraduate-support/WTD004448.htm)

