



Externally Funded Summer Studentship Opportunities

For all funding opportunities, please check full eligibility criteria, studentship information and deadlines online.

Anatomical Society

Deadline – Friday 22th March 2024

- Successful applicants will receive a bursary up to a maximum of £3,200 each (comprising a stipend (£240pw) and a bench fee of £800 (£80pw)) and undertake research in the Anatomical Sciences (including Anatomy Education) during a 4 to 10 week period in the summer vacation.
- An enhanced stipend of £340 per week will be available to students who might otherwise suffer significant financial hardship because of taking up this bursary. To qualify, the student must provide a letter of support from their university identifying them as a widening participation/widening access student.
- <http://www.anatsoc.org.uk/funding-and-awards/grants-and-prizes/undergraduate-summervacation-research-scholarships/introduction>

Applied Vision Association (AVA) Bradshaw-Eagle Undergraduate Research Scholarship

- Deadline – 15th March 2024, 5pm
- The Scholarship will provide a stipend (£200 per week, subsistence, for up to 8 weeks) to support undergraduates to carry out a self-contained vision-related research project, in the laboratory of an AVA member.
- The project supervisor will be responsible for the application, and they must be an AVA member. Students must be studying a relevant discipline (usually psychology, biology, optometry, or a related discipline) and should be in the middle years of their degree program.
- <http://www.theava.net/awards/bradshaw-eagle.php>

Biochemical Society: Eric Reid Fund for Methodology

- Deadline – 21st March 2024
- £4,000 is available for consumables only
- £6,000 to cover a £2,000 stipend to a summer vacation student.
- Applicants must be a current Early Career, Full, or Emeritus member of the Biochemical Society at the application closing date. Funding will not be awarded in two consecutive years.
- The purpose of the grant must be to set up or improve methodology, with appropriate validation. This allows trying out new ideas.
- <https://www.biochemistry.org/grants-and-awards/grants-and-bursaries/summer-vacation-studentships/research-studentship/>

British Pharmacological Society

Deadline – 31st March 2024

- This studentship encourages undergraduates to take pharmacology as a specialism. Winners will receive up to £1,850 for up to ten weeks to help cover living costs during a research project.
- Applicants must be undergraduate members and must be supervised by a Society member of at least three years (who must be an Early Career Member, Full Member or Fellow). Projects will be considered in areas including exploratory or applied pharmacology and experimental/translational medicine and clinical research. Final year students may apply, but the award will only support a standalone project.
- <https://www.bps.ac.uk/membership-awards/prizes,-awards-and-grants/our-prizes/vacation-studentships>

British Society for Developmental Biology (BSDB) Gurdon/The Company of Biologists Summer Studentships

- Deadline – 31st March 2024
- Awards comprise a student stipend of £340 per week for 8 weeks. Consumable costs are not provided.
- Applications must be made by the undergraduate student and contain the information and support letters specified in the application form. The project proposal and application form should be written by the undergraduate student, with guidance from the host supervisor.
- <http://bsdb.org/awards/gurdon-studentships-for-summer-vacation-work/>

Genetics Society

- Deadline - 31 March 2024
- The summer studentship grant includes: £300/week allowance for up to 8 weeks, up to £750 to cover host laboratory expenses, a place on the 2–3-day expenses paid* student Summer School Workshop, if you need it, a Carer's Award is also available to cover child care or other responsibility costs while you do the research and attend the summer school.
- You must be able to attend the UK-based summer School workshop at the end of the 8 weeks' research. The workshop is taking place at the University of Cambridge, from 4-5th September and provides an opportunity for all summer students to get together, discuss their research, and start to develop a professional contact network.
- <https://genetics.org.uk/grants/summer-studentships/>

Society for Applied Microbiology

- Deadline – 17th March 2024
- This grant supports innovative and hands-on summer research projects for undergraduates in the field of applied microbiology.
- Student Stipend: A weekly (35 hours) allowance, reflective of the cost of living in the student's home country up to seven weeks. The stipend when based on the UK's National Minimum Wage (£8.60 per hour for 18–20-year-olds) is £301 and is used as a reference point but will be adjusted to accommodate global economic differences. Applicants are expected to provide a fair justification for their stipend request, considering their local living expenses.
- <https://appliedmicrobiology.org/membership-community/grants-awards/summer-studentship-grant.html>

British Society for Gene and Cell Therapy (BSGCT) Undergraduate Research Bursaries

- Deadline – 3rd April 2024, 5pm
- The award provides support for the student at a rate of up to £200 per week for a period of between 6 and 8 weeks.
- Applications are made by researchers who are members of the British Society for Gene and Cell Therapy (BSGCT) on behalf of a named undergraduate student who is also a BSGCT member. Researchers in the field of gene therapy at universities and research institutions within the UK are eligible to apply.
- <https://www.bsgct.org/undergraduates>

Royal Microscopical Society

- Deadline - 31st March 2024
- Six studentships of up to £2000 are offered every year, split evenly between physical sciences, biological sciences, and interdisciplinary projects.
- Applications for our Summer Studentships must include a significant microscopy component and should be submitted by a suitable host academic on behalf of the student. Students who are in their first or final year are not eligible. The Studentship is offered on the understanding that a 500-word project report is completed by the student at the end of the period of study and submitted to the RMS for publication in the RMS in focus magazine and/or the RMS website. The report should be in the form of an abstract with Introduction, Materials & Methods, Results and Discussion and should also include images/data. Students will be asked to do a two-to-five-minute recording briefly talking about their experience for the RMS YouTube Channel.
- £1500 should be allocated by the supervisor to the student as a bursary to cover living expenses and up to £500 can be used to cover experimental and laboratory expenses.
- <https://www.rms.org.uk/opportunities/professional-development/summer-studentships.html>

Cystic Fibrosis (CF) Trust UK - British Lung Foundation (BLF)

- Deadline – 17th April 2024, 5pm
- The award will comprise of: A stipend of £1,600 for living expenses, £100 for consumables (including poster printing costs), expenses for attending the next UK Cystic Fibrosis Conference. Please note: It is a requirement for students to attend and present their work, in the form of a poster, at the next in-person UK Cystic Fibrosis Conference, autumn 2024.
- Students are normally at a university within the UK and must be either: A medical student between the end of their second year and the end of their penultimate year, a Basic Science student in the last two years of their degree.
- <https://www.cysticfibrosis.org.uk/the-work-we-do/research/support-for-researchers/apply-for-funding/summer-studentships>

British Society for Cell Biology (BSCB)

- Deadline – 20th March 2024
- Awards comprise a student stipend of £340 per week for up to 8 weeks. Awards do not cover consumable costs. Studentships will **only be awarded for students who have yet to complete their first degree**, usually prior to their final year of studies. Students that are undertaking an integrated master's degree are eligible to apply.
- <https://bscb.org/competitions-awardsgrants/studentships/>

British Association for Lung Research (BALR)

- Deadline – 22nd March 2024
- The awards will cover a maximum of eight weeks for research projects in the following areas: A specific lung condition (e.g., Asthma, Lung cancer, Mesothelioma, COPD, IPF etc.), Cross-respiratory research, with value across all (e.g., pulmonary infection).
- The awards will comprise of: A stipend of £1,600 for living expenses, £400 for consumables (including poster printing costs). For non-laboratory-based research projects, applicants will be required to justify their use of the consumables budget if requested. A £250 travel award will be provided for studentship recipients who submit their research findings to a scientific conference and are invited to present their research in the form of a poster/talk. Conference attendance should be within 6 months of completion of the Studentship project and travel award recipients will be required to submit a short conference summary for the BALR website.
- Please note student and supervisor are required to be BALR members. To join the BALR
- <https://www.balr.co.uk/awards>

British Toxicology Society (BTS) Summer Vacation Scholarships

- Deadline - TBC
- Supports the living costs of a student to gain research experience in toxicology. Up to £1500 towards student living costs for up to 8 weeks (accommodation, meals, and travel in-line with BTS travel policy)
- Student or new graduate (< 3 months following completion of degree) of toxicology or related discipline.
- <https://www.thebts.org/awards-bursaries/vacation-scholarships/>

Biochemical Society

- Deadline – TBC
- Details on the 2024 scheme will be coming soon, see link below.
- <https://www.biochemistry.org/grants-and-awards/grants-and-bursaries/summer-vacation-studentships/>

British Society for Immunology (BSI)

- Deadline – TBC
- A summer school has not been confirmed yet. If they do go ahead with the event this year, they will announce it via their e-newsletter and social media.
- <https://www.immunology.org/careers/bsi-careers-support/bsi-summer-school>

Alzheimer's Society

- Deadline – TBC
- Keep checking the link below for any upcoming funding schemes.
- <https://www.alzheimers.org.uk/all-research-funding-schemes>

British Society for Neuroendocrinology (BSN) Undergraduate Student Laboratory Experience

- Deadline – TBC
- Keep checking the link below for any upcoming funding schemes.
- https://www.neuroendo.org.uk/page.php?item_name=Grants+Panel

Society for Endocrinology

- Deadline – TBC
- Society Summer Studentships fund 10-week placements for life sciences undergraduates. These provide hands-on lab experience and encourage them to choose careers in research related to endocrinology.
- <https://www.endocrinology.org/endocrinologist/145-autumn-22/features/laying-foundations-for-the-future-society-summer-studentships/>

British Society for Antimicrobial Chemotherapy (BSAC)

- Deadline - TBC
- The BSAC grants programme is currently under review. No calls for applications will be made while this review is underway, see link below.
- <https://bsac.org.uk/funding/overseas-scholarship/>

Universities Federation for Animal Welfare (UFAW) Animal Welfare Student Scholarships

- Deadline – CLOSED
- Student scholarships consist of £250 per week subsistence (paid directly to the student) and £100 per week project expenses (paid to the host university/institute), to a maximum of £2800. Payments cannot be issued to third parties.
- Applications are welcome from undergraduate and MSc students who are enrolled at a university or institute at which there is a UFAW LINK OR supervised by someone at a UFAW LINK. Students will usually be studying agricultural, biological, psychological, veterinary, or zoological sciences. However, we would be pleased to receive applications from students from other disciplines.
- <https://www.ufaw.org.uk/animal-welfare-student-scholarships/animal-welfare-student-scholarships>

Microbiology Society (Harry Smith Vacation studentships)

- Deadline – CLOSED
- The studentships provide a stipend of £331 per week for a period of up to eight weeks (minimum six weeks). An additional sum of up to £400 for specific research costs may also be awarded.
- Applications must be made on behalf of a named student. The student must be registered for their degree at an institution in the UK or Republic of Ireland. Students may be undertaking an undergraduate degree in any area of biosciences or medical, dental or veterinary science. Students should have completed a minimum of two years of study on the programme, but not have started their final year at the time they take up the studentship.
- <https://microbiologysociety.org/grants/travel-research/harry-smith-vacation-studentships.html#What is covered by the grant>

Nutrition Society Summer Studentships

- Deadline – CLOSED
- Studentships are available for up to eight weeks and are worth up to £2500. There is a stipend of £1600 for the student. The applicant's university will receive a payment of £400 towards research expenses associated with the project. Additionally, a conference grant will be available up to £500, for travel and accommodation to enable the student to attend the annual Nutrition Futures Conference in September, to present their research project.
- It is anticipated that students will have already undertaken at least two years of study at university for their FIRST degree (undergraduate) and have at least one year of their course remaining. The applicant must hold a current student membership which started before 1 November 2023 (i.e. the preceding year). It is expected that the recipients of the award will continue membership of the Society for two years following the award.
- <https://www.nutrition society.org/summer-studentships>