



Externally Funded Summer Studentship Opportunities

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

Alzheimer's Society

- Deadline - 15 February 2019
- A stipend of £200 per week can be requested for up to 8 weeks (maximum £1600). Up to £500 can be claimed towards project expenses.
- Applications should be made by the prospective supervisor. Students must be registered at a UK institution for the majority of their undergraduate degree and must be in the middle years of their degree when commencing the studentship. Applicants who have had the opportunity to undertake research are not eligible to apply e.g. those who have done an intercalated BSc.
- <https://www.alzheimers.org.uk/research/researchers/our-funding-schemes/undergraduate-bursaries>

Anatomical Society

- Deadline - Late March, TBC
- Successful applicants will receive a bursary up to a maximum of £3,000 each (comprising a stipend (£220pw) and a bench fee of £800 (£80pw)) to undertake research in the Anatomical Sciences (including Anatomy Education) during a 4 to 10 week period in the summer vacation. Applicants (supervisor) must be Members of The Society who have been elected to membership by Council for at least a year.
- <http://www.anatsoc.org.uk/funding-and-awards/grants-and-prizes/undergraduate-summer-vacation-research-scholarships/introduction>

Animal Free Research UK

- Deadline - 1 March 2019
- Summer research projects are funded for a duration of 8 weeks, with a student stipend of £180 per week to support their living costs during the project and total consumables budget of up to £560.
- Applications should be made by the prospective supervisor with a named student. Undergraduate students must have completed at least two years of their degree and must be available to attend and present a poster at a 3-day Summer School on 21-23 August 2019, which may be either during or after the period of their research project.
- <https://www.animalfreeresearchuk.org/summerstudent/apply-now/>

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

- Deadline - 15 March 2019
- 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 should be in the middle years of their degree program when the application is submitted.
- <http://www.theava.net/awards/bradshaw-eagle.php>

Biochemical Society

- Deadline - 22 February 2019
- Grants are available for stipends of £200 per week for 6 – 8 weeks, and up to £1,600 in total.
- Applications should be made by the prospective supervisor with a named student. Supervisors must be members of the Biochemical Society for at least 12 months prior to the closing date of the grants. The student does not need to be a member of the Society, but when ranking proposals preference will be given to student members.
- <http://www.biochemistry.org/Grants/SummerVacationStudentships.aspx>

Biochemical Society: Eric Reid Fund for Methodology

- Deadline - 20 March 2019

- Up to £4,000 is available, this can be split between a student and consumables.
- Applicants (supervisor) must be a current Early Career, Full or Emeritus member of the Biochemical Society at the closing date of the round applied to. A student of any year (or just finished a degree course) may be supported. The emphasis is on methodology, with a preference for cellular or bioanalytical work. Consideration will be given only to applications that are carefully compiled and scientifically convincing.
- <http://www.biochemistry.org/TabID/396/default.aspx>

British Association for Lung Research (BALR)

- Deadline - 26 April 2019
- There are 2 awards available which will comprise of: a stipend of £1,200 for living expenses, £400 for consumables (including poster printing costs), and expenses for attending the UK BALR conference in September 2019 (registration, hotel and travel). Placements will be for a maximum of 8 weeks.
- All students must be registered at a UK University. Applications are open to basic science students in their final two years of study and medical students either between their second and penultimate years of study or undertaking an intercalated BSc. It is a requirement for students in receipt of the BALR Summer Studentship: to present their work at the BALR Summer Meeting 2019 in the form of a poster and to submit an overview for the BALR newsletter/blog, highlighting their experience of undertaking a BALR-funded summer studentship.
- <https://www.balr.co.uk/awards>

British Contact Lens Association (BCLA)

- Deadline - 30 April 2019
- The eight-week independent scholarship is worth £1,500, available to undergraduate students about to start their final year of university/college. Research should be in the field of contact lenses and/or the anterior eye.
- https://www.bcla.org.uk//Public/Member_Resources/Student_Resources/BCLA_Summer_Research_Scholarship/Public/Member_Resources/BCLA_Summer_Research_Scholarship.aspx?hkey=7609bf3c-8169-4a87-a3b7-50c276a0266d

British Pharmacological Society

- Deadline - 22 March 2019
- Successful applicants 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 Antimicrobial Chemotherapy (BSAC)

- Deadline - 28 February 2019
- Successful applicants will be paid a grant of £270 per week for a maximum of 10 weeks and the Department will be paid a total consumables grant of £500. These Scholarships are open to undergraduate applicants on a worldwide basis.
- Only one application can be submitted per Department.
- <http://bsac.org.uk/funding/vacation-scholarship/>

British Society for Cell Biology (BSCB)

- Deadline - 1 April 2019
- Awards comprise a student stipend of £180 per week for up to 8 weeks.
- Applicants (supervisor) must be a BSCB member for a minimum of one year before, or on the date of, the application. There are no restrictions concerning the nationality of the student, nor do they have to be a student at a UK university. 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 Masters Degree are eligible to apply.
- <https://bscb.org/competitions-awardsgrants/studentships/>

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

- Deadline - end of March
- Awards comprise a student stipend of £200 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 should be written by the undergraduate student, with guidance from the host supervisor.
- <http://bsdb.org/awards/gurdon-studentships-for-summer-vacation-work/>

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

- Deadline - 15 March 2019
- The awards provide support for the student at a rate of £180 per week for a period of between 6 and 8 weeks.
- Applications are made by the supervisor on behalf of a named undergraduate student - both supervisor and student must be BSGCT members. Supervisors should discuss the project in detail with the nominated student who should also contribute to the project design. Students will take up the award during the summer vacation in their penultimate year (i.e. 2/3 or 3/4) of their first degree.

- <https://www.bsgct.org/scientists-students/undergraduate-students/>

British Society for Immunology (BSI)

- Deadline - 1 March, 1 June, 1 September, 1 December. It is recommended that you apply for the award with the review deadline at least 4-6 weeks ahead of your placement.
- Depending on the location of the placement the award is capped at the following amounts : Placement overseas - £1,500; UK placement (outside host institution/hometown) - £1,000; UK placement (at host institution/hometown) - £500. Planned placements must be greater than two weeks in duration.
- Applicants (student) must be either medical students or postgraduate students (PhDs/MScs) who are planning to undertake a formal placement in a selected laboratory for their medical elective or for a placement. To be considered for support by the BSI, you must be a BSI member and the placement must have immunological relevance. The application process requires the formal support of the applicant's supervisor in the form of a supporting letter.
- <https://www.immunology.org/grants-and-prizes/summer-placement-award-scheme>

British Society for Neuroendocrinology (BSN) Student Laboratory Experience Grant

- Deadline - 1 April
- Awards will be £140-£180 per week for a maximum of 8 weeks. Additionally, up to £1000 per award is available for identified consumables.
- The host supervisor should apply on behalf of a selected named student. The host supervisor must have been a member of the BSN for at least 6 months. Undergraduate students or students immediately after graduation or prior to starting MSc or PhD studies are eligible. Students working on these grants will be given BSN student membership for 18 months and registration and accommodation at the following year's BSN Annual Meeting where it is anticipated that they will present work from their project.
- https://www.neuroendo.org.uk/page.php?item_name=Grants

British Toxicology Society (BTS) Summer Vacation Scholarships

- Deadline - TBC
- Each studentship will provide up to £1500.00 to support the living costs of the student for up to 6-8 weeks.
- Interested students or new graduates must pair up with a potential supervisor to develop a project before applying for funding. The award is available to students or new graduates (no more than 3 months after completion of their degree).
- <http://www.thebts.org/events-2/awards-and-prizes/>

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

- Deadline - 12 April 2019
- Typically funding is for a maximum of 8 weeks, a stipend of £1,400 for living expenses, £100 for consumables (including poster printing costs), and expenses for attending the annual UK CF conference (UKCFC) for those undertaking a CF project, or another relevant UK

respiratory conference, (e.g. BTS, BALR etc) for those researching other lung conditions. The CF Trust only allow an institution to submit 3 applications to their Summer studentship scheme. 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 or A Basic Science student in the last two years of their degree.

- <https://www.cysticfibrosis.org.uk/studentships>

Genetics Society

- Deadline - 31 March 2019
- The studentship comprises: up to £750 to cover justifiable expenses incurred by the host laboratory, £200 per week for up to 8 weeks to cover student subsistence during the studentship.
- Applications must be made by Principal Investigators (PI) at Universities or Research Institutes, NOT by the named student. Both the PI and the named student must be members of the Genetics Society. The application must be for a named undergraduate student, preferably from another institute or university, and is not transferable. Undergraduate students who wish to do vacation research projects are encouraged to seek a PI to sponsor them and to develop a project application with the sponsor. The student must be able to attend a workshop that will take place in Edinburgh from 26-29 August 2019.
- <http://www.genetics.org.uk/grants/summer-studentships/>

Microbiology Society (Harry Smith Vacation studentships)

- Deadline - Early-mid February
- The studentships provide support of £185 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 awarded. Maximum award = £1,880.
- Applicants (supervisors) must be Full or Full Concessionary Members of the Society. A minimum membership period of two consecutive subscription payments applies. Applications must be made on behalf of a named student. 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>

Nutrition Society Summer Studentships

- Deadline - 18 March 2019
- Studentships are available for up to eight weeks and carry a stipend of £200 per week (£1,600 total). The applicant's university will receive a payment £500 towards research expenses associated with the project. Additionally up to £400 will be available if required, for travel and accommodation for the student to attend the Nutrition Futures 2019 Conference to present their research project.

- The applicant (student) must hold a current membership started before November of the preceding year, at the time of application. The proposed supervisor and host school or department will each need to confirm their willingness to support the project and confirm that appropriate facilities will be made available. It is anticipated that students will have already undertaken at least two years of study at university for their FIRST degree, and have at least one year of their course remaining.
- <https://www.nutritionociety.org/grants-and-awards/summer-studentships-2019>

Physiological Society

- Deadline - 17 February 2019
- For students living away from home, funding of up to £200 a week for up to eight weeks is on offer. For students living at home, funding of up to £100 a week for up to eight weeks is on offer.
- Students must be an Undergraduate Member of The Society (or have submitted an application for Undergraduate membership) at the time of application and their supervisor either a Full Member or Affiliate, with support from a Full Member. Students should have completed at least two years' full-time study in a higher education institute (or equivalent) of a degree that incorporates an element of physiology, by the start of the studentship. MSci students are eligible to apply within the first three years of their degree only. MSc students, however, are NOT eligible for this scheme.
- <http://www.physoc.org/undergraduate-summer-studentship-scheme>

Society for Applied Microbiology

- Deadline - 14 February 2019
- Grants are available to offer a suitable laboratory placement for a period of up to eight weeks. The Society offers Full, International and Life Members the opportunity to give undergraduate students and recent graduates, studying microbiology as part of their degree programme, the opportunity to obtain hands on experience.
- <https://sfam.org.uk/grants/student-placement-scholarship-2019.html>

Society for Endocrinology

- Deadline - 13 March 2019
- Successful applicants will receive support of £185 per week for up to 10 weeks plus up to £1,000 for consumables.
- The application is made by the student who should check with their intended supervisor before applying. Host supervisors are required to be members of the Society for Endocrinology of at least one year's standing. A student receiving funding will normally be an undergraduate, following a course in endocrinology or a related life science subject. The studentships are normally taken during the summer vacation before a final year; if applying for this grant in a final year, justification needs to be provided.
- <https://www.endocrinology.org/grants-and-awards/grants/summer-studentships/>

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

- Deadline - 28 February 2019
- Scholarships consist of £200 per week (max. 8 weeks) subsistence allowance for the Scholar plus £800 maximum project costs to the department.
- Applications are welcome from undergraduates who are interested in carrying out a project related to animal welfare. Applications from MSc students on appropriate courses will also be considered. Applications must include a reference from the supervisor and agreement for the project to take place from the Head of the Department which will take responsibility for the project. Alternatively, supervisors who find a suitable candidate can apply. Scholars are asked to present their research findings at the Annual Scholars Meeting held in universities around the UK.
- <https://www.ufaw.org.uk/animal-welfare-student-scholarships/animal-welfare-student-scholarships>

Wellcome Trust

- Deadline - 14 February 2019
- Scholarships are available for between six and eight weeks and currently provide a stipend for the student of £250 per week. You're eligible to apply in the middle year(s) of your degree, when you have not yet undertaken a substantial period of research.
- <https://wellcome.ac.uk/funding/biomedical-vacation-scholarships>