Step into Research

What is it?

- The 'Step into Research' Programme is an exciting new initiative by the School of Cancer Sciences. It provides an opportunity for undergraduate students who are considering a future career in research to obtain valuable work experience in a busy research laboratory during the summer vacation.
- The aim of the scheme is to match students with placement supervisors, who then go on together to apply for a bursary to support the placement.
- The programme will run during the 2015 summer vacation and is aimed at students entering their final year at university in October 2015.

What does it involve?

- Students will spend 6 - 10 weeks in the School of Cancer Sciences gaining practical laboratory experience.

Is funding available?

- Bursaries around £200 per week are available for eligible students from a number of external funding bodies. (**Bursary information (/schools/cancer/study-here/step-into-research/Bursaries-for-Undergraduate-Students.aspx)**).

What areas of research are available?

- Students choose an area of research from the list sumitted by placement supervisors (**Research Opportunities (/schools/cancer/study-here/step-into-research/SiR-research-opportunities.aspx)**).

What is the application process for undergraduate work placements?

- Students select an area of research of interest to them (a research theme) and submit an application for a work placement to the School of Cancer Sciences by **Friday 16 January 2015**.
- Students with the best applications will be invited to meet with the relevant member(s) of Cancer Sciences staff to discuss possible projects.
- Students selected for work placement will then complete an application for a bursary in conjunction with their placement supervisor.
- **Apply for a work placement (/schools/cancer/study-here/step-into-research/application-form.aspx)**

Kiran Chima., 2012 placement student "The best part of working in research was knowing that you are discovering something to improve the lives of others. I have learnt so much from this opportunity and the skills I have gained will help me with my future career."

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