Summer Vacation Studentships / Placements
The following organisations and societies offer funding to enable eligible undergraduate medical students to work in a research lab during summer vacations. 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. 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.

Local Sources of Funding

University of Birmingham Undergraduate Research Experience Scheme
Undergraduate students can apply for up to £500 to help support an extra-curricular research placement, either at this university or at an external organisation in the UK or overseas. The scheme is open to all undergraduate students except final-year students for extra-curricular placements that take place over the summer vacation. In addition to the bursary, successful applicants are given the option of mentoring from a current doctoral researcher at the university, and the opportunity to attend a workshop on applying for postgraduate study. Applications are open now and close on 30 March 2014.

Further details are available online at http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/generic/internships/funding/research/index.aspx

University of Birmingham Gateway bursary scheme
The Gateway bursary provides financial support to students at the University of Birmingham undertaking internships or work experience relevant to their future career. The aim of the bursary is to assist students in improving their personal and professional development by allowing them to take up critical experiences they may otherwise not be able to afford. Awards are available for work experience placements throughout the academic year. To be entitled for the Gateway bursary you need to be from an eligible priority group including students who are first generation of the family into higher education or from a lower income background i.e. in receipt of a grant or scholarship, there are several other groups outlined on the website. Applications are open now and close on 13th April 2014.

Further details are available online at http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/generic/internships/funding/gateway/index.aspx

The Sir Arthur Thomson Charitable Trust
This is a locally funded scheme for Birmingham students. Studentships are awarded for a maximum of 10 weeks. Students receive £185/week subsistence allowance (if less than 10 weeks payment will be pro-rata for the number of weeks). Students will be expected to contact a supervisor and submit a joint application. Host supervisors can either be members of the University of Birmingham or from another institution. The applications will be assessed and awarded by the Clinical Academic Training Operation Group. Preference will be given to research projects with a clearly defined objective, achievable in the time available, and those which give the student scope for thought and initiative. However the criteria by which the grants will be awarded will be flexible to encourage all forms of research. Students from both the 5 year MBChB and the graduate entry MBChB course will be eligible to apply for the grant. Applications are open now and close on 18 April 2014.

For further details contact Charlotte Maybury at c.maybury@bham.ac.uk
External Sources of Funding

Arthritis Research UK
ARUK is funding 12 summer studentships of 8 weeks duration in 2014. The aim of the studentship is to encourage students to develop a clinical/research career in musculoskeletal disease. The deadline for applications has not yet been set for 2014.

Further details and how to apply can be found here. [How to apply](#).

Biochemistry Society
Grants are available for stipends of £200 per week for 6 – 8 weeks, and up to £1,600 in total, to support a summer placement.
The deadline for 2014 applications is **14 February 2014**.

Further details are available online at [http://www.biochemistry.org/Grants/EducationalGrants/SummerVacationStudentships.aspx](http://www.biochemistry.org/Grants/EducationalGrants/SummerVacationStudentships.aspx)

British Pharmacology Society
These vacation studentships are aimed to encourage research in pharmacology. Each studentship will provide £1,850 to support the living costs of the student (£185 per week for 10 weeks) while they undertake a summer vacation research project in the host laboratory.
The deadline for 2014 applications is **31st March 2014**.
**Eligibility** – The student must be a BPS Undergraduate Member. The research supervisor must be an Associate or Full BPS member.

Further details are available online at [http://www.bps.ac.uk/details/membersPage/836573/BPS-Vacation-Studentships.html?cat=bps12aae10ad#743405,743565,743395,743485,743483,758787,743381,819859,743383,743409](http://www.bps.ac.uk/details/membersPage/836573/BPS-Vacation-Studentships.html?cat=bps12aae10ad#743405,743565,743395,743485,743483,758787,743381,819859,743383,743409)

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.
**Closing date is 31st March of each year.**

Further details are available on line at [http://bsac.org.uk/funding/vacation-scholarship/](http://bsac.org.uk/funding/vacation-scholarship/)

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.
**Closing date 1st April 2014.**

Further details are available on line at [http://www.neuroendo.org.uk/Members/Grants.aspx](http://www.neuroendo.org.uk/Members/Grants.aspx)

Dr Hadwen Trust (DHT)
The Scheme will enable students to extend their studies and gain valuable research experience over the summer period by working in a lab. The value of each award is £180 per week, up to a maximum of 8 weeks, with a separate budget of up to £500 available for consumables. The
research undertaken must be directed towards replacing the use of living animals in medical experiments, within the applicant’s laboratory or in the wider field.

Applications for 2014 have not yet opened. Closing date for 2013 was end of April.

Further details are available on line at Click here to access the application form and for more information.

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. Closing date is 31st March of each year.

Further details are available on line at http://www.genetics.org.uk/Funding/GenesandDevelopmentsummerstudentships.aspx
Institute of Medical Ethics Medical Student Internships
Bursaries of up to £700 each to support Medical Student Electives, or exceptionally Special Study Modules, on issues in medical ethics.
Medical students, jointly with their supervisor, are invited to apply by 31 January 2014.
Successful applicants will be informed by 1 April 2014.

Further details are available on line at http://www.instituteofmedicalethics.org/website/index.php?option=com_content&view=category&id=42&layout=blog&Itemid=17

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.
Closing date 31st January 2014.

Further details are available on line at http://www.physoc.org/undergraduate-vacation-studentship-scheme

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.
There are 2 deadlines for 2014 14 February and 28 April 2014

Further details are available on line at http://www.pathsoc.org/index.php/grants-lectures-awards/education-grants/undergraduate-bursary

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. One year’s free membership will be offered to every student upon approval of the application.
Closing date 16th April 2014.

Further details are available on line at http://www.sfam.org.uk/en/grants--awards/students-into-work-grant.cfm

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.
Closing date 1st February 2014.

Further details are available on line at www.sgm.ac.uk/grants/vs.cfm
**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 available for three months between June and September. **Closing dates vary, depending on placement applied for.**

Further details are available online at [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 students whose intended host supervisor is a full Society member for a minimum of 1 year. **Closing date 11th March 2014.**

Further details are available online at [www.endocrinology.org/grants/grant_summerstudentships.html](http://www.endocrinology.org/grants/grant_summerstudentships.html)

**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. **Closing Date 5pm Friday 14th February 2014.**

Further details are available online at [http://www.wellcome.ac.uk/Funding/Biomedical-science/Funding-schemes/PhD-funding-and-undergraduate-opportunities/WTD004448.htm](http://www.wellcome.ac.uk/Funding/Biomedical-science/Funding-schemes/PhD-funding-and-undergraduate-opportunities/WTD004448.htm)