**Sir Arthur Thomson Charitable Trust - Vacation Studentship 2024**

# APPLICATION FORM

The studentships have been established to assist undergraduate students, in gaining research experience by funding opportunities to work in a research environment. A stipend is offered for a period of study of 8 weeks during the summer vacation.

**Details:**

Applications are invited from MBChB students from the University of Birmingham. It is anticipated that the host supervisor will normally be an academic or academic-related staff member. If not, a letter of support is required from the principal investigator or clinical team leader. At the end of the studentship the student may be required to present their work to their peers and/or submit a brief report detailing the progress of the project. Students will normally take up the award during a vacation between the first and second, or second and third years (GEC years 1 and 2), but there are no restrictions to students in other years applying.

**Value:**

£250 per week up to a maximum of £2000 per grant for a period of 8 weeks. Please make it clear when applying how many weeks will be involved. If less than 8 weeks, payment will be pro-rata for the number of weeks. Durations of less than 6 weeks will not be considered.

**Submission:**

**Closing date: 12pm (midday) Thursday 25th April 2024**

**Please submit all parts of the application form to**[**mbchb-prizesandawards@contacts.bham.ac.uk**](mailto:mbchb-prizesandawards@contacts.bham.ac.uk)

# SECTION 1 - to be completed by student

**Please attach a copy of your CV to include all MBChB exam results and any prizes to date, information about prior or intercalated degrees and current career aspirations**

**Please be aware that we may contact your Year Tutor to confirm that they support this application**

Student Details:

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| Student ID |  |
| Student Name |  |
| Student Email |  |
| Current Year of Study |  |

Host Details:

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| --- | --- |
| Host Supervisor Name |  |
| Institution |  |
| Address |  |
| Intended Research Experience Dates |  |
| Number of Weeks |  |

Other Funding:

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| Have you applied to any other source for funding? (delete as appropriate)  If Yes, please describe funding application, amount requested and likelihood of success. If other funding is possible any award will only be paid once the outcome of such applications is known but this will not affect the likelihood of a positive outcome from this application. | YES/NO |
| Have you received previous funding from the Sir Arthur Thomson Trust?  (delete as appropriate)  If Yes, please provide details | YES/NO |

Statement:

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| Please use this box to provide a statement to support of your application e.g. why you want to work in this research environment, your career aspirations, what you hope to gain (max. 500 words). |  |

**SECTION 2 – to be completed by the supervisor**

Supervisor and Project Details:

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| Host Supervisor Name |  |
| Position held |  |
| Project Title |  |
| Brief summary of research project (max. 500 words) |  |
| Please sign to confirm:   * that the research the student will be involved with will conform to legal, ethical and Home Office approval; * you agree to supervise the named student for the period of time stated. |  |

**Notes to assist the student applicant**

* Applications will be assessed by a panel of Clinical Examiners, who will take advice where necessary from expert referees. Assessment will be made primarily on the scientific merit of the research project and on the suitability of the student;
* Successful students may be required to present their work to fellow students and submit a short report (no more than 2 sides of A4) summarising:
  + The reasons for accepting the studentship
  + The aims of the project
  + Description of work
  + Assessment of results and outcomes of studentship
  + Future directions in which the project could be taken
  + Departures from original proposal
  + Value of studentship to you and to the lab/host institution
  + Details of any publications resulting from the grant
* The host institution is responsible for providing adequate facilities, and for ensuring that all necessary requirements of regulatory authorities and ethical committee approvals are in place before the work begins and are maintained for the duration of the grant. The host supervisor is responsible for the conduct of the research;
* Grants are paid directly to the student following commencement of the project;
* If, for any reason, the student does not attend for the full duration of the project, the Arthur Thomson Fund must be notified at the earliest opportunity, and any excess funding received should be repaid by the student;
* Grants cannot be awarded retrospectively;
* The decision of the awards committee is final;
* Funds awarded are final and do not include overheads and are not subject to appeal;
* The awards committee will not accept resubmissions;
* Incomplete applications will not be considered;
* Applications should be made electronically only by the closing date;
* You must notify the Arthur Thomson Fund if you receive any other funding.

**Notes to assist the host supervisor**

* Host supervisors may sponsor one student per round;
* In the event of the period of the studentship being less than 8 weeks, the amount will be proportional to the number of weeks the student is actually working;
* Host supervisors of those awarded studentships may be required to submit a short report commenting on the student’s attitude, aptitude and progress during the project;
* Preference will be given to research projects with a clearly defined objective, achievable in the time available, and which give the student scope for thought and initiative;
* Applications will be assessed by a panel of Clinical Examiners, who will take advice where necessary from expert referees. Assessment will be made primarily on the scientific merit of the research project and on the suitability of the student;
* The host institution is responsible for providing adequate facilities, and for ensuring that all necessary requirements of regulatory authorities and ethical committee approvals are in place before the work begins and are maintained for the duration of the grant. The host supervisor is responsible for the conduct of the research;
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* Funds awarded are final and do not include overheads and are not subject to appeal;
* The awards committee will not accept resubmissions;
* The Trust reserves the right to publish successful student’s final reports;
* Incomplete applications will not be considered;
* Applications should be made electronically only by the closing date;
* The student must notify the Arthur Thomson Fund if they receive any other funding.