The purpose of a Vacation Studentship is to give undergraduates with research potential a chance to experience research in an active laboratory/research team and to encourage them to consider a career in academic research when they graduate.

Applicants are normally undergraduates in the second (or penultimate) year of their first degree. Studentships can be a prestigious award to have on your CV and a great experience in preparation for their final year project.

These awards are by open competition and are limited. The sponsors fund a maintenance fee to the student for between 6 to 10 weeks. The closing dates for application usually fall sometime from January to April, with the studentships taking place sometime between late June and September.

If you are a student and interested in applying for a studentship you need to speak with the academic in whose research area you would like to work to see if they will agree to apply for a project and supervise your studentship. Applications are generally made to the appropriate funder(s) by your academic supervisor for a particular research project with you as named student.

You will be supervised in a self-contained research topic and will be expected to produce a report describing the project and may be asked to give a poster presentation of the results.

This can be a very useful exercise in determining whether you wish to pursue a PhD.

Competition for these studentships is strong; some funders give indication of the number of applications received and awarded and publish reports from students who received these awards describing their experience of the studentship.

Once you have found a supervisor with whom to apply, you will need to inform your research support team that you are applying to a scheme. Schemes vary and the University may need to authorise your application and to set up payment processes for the award when made. You may also need statements from your personal tutor and a signature or letter from your Head of School so ensure that you allow sufficient time for these internal processes.

If there is no external scheme to which you can apply Newcastle University runs its own scheme, detailed below. Those applying to external schemes may also apply to the internal Newcastle University scheme.

N.B. What follows is a summary of the schemes and not the full terms and conditions of the call. Applicants are responsible for checking the full terms and conditions of any scheme to which they wish to apply.
SUMMARY OF SCHEMES

** Please note that 2019 deadline dates have been provided where possible, otherwise the 2018 deadline has been given to provide an indication only and may be subject to change**

Call yet to be announced (2018 deadline was in January, please check link for current status)
British Mass Spectrometry Society, Chromatographic Society, and RSC NorthWest Analytical Division Summer Studentships 2018
http://www.bmss.org.uk/summer_studentships.shtml

18th January 2019
John Innes Centre in partnership with The Sainsbury Laboratory and The Earlham Institute Undergraduate Summer School.
https://www.jic.ac.uk/training-careers/work-experience/17-and-over/undergraduate-summer-school/

Call yet to be announced (2018 deadline was end of January)
The Physiological Society Undergraduate Summer Studentship Scheme
http://www.physoc.org/undergraduate-summer-studentship-scheme

31st January 2019
Ecole Polytechnique Federale de Lausanne (EPFL) School of Life Sciences International Summer Research Program
https://sv.epfl.ch/summer-research

Call open in February 2019
Cystic Fibrosis Trust in collaboration with the British Lung Foundation Summer Studentships
https://www.cysticfibrosis.org.uk/the-work-we-do/research/research-we-are-funding/apply-for-funding/summer-studentships

1st February 2019
London Mathematical Society (LMS) Undergraduate Research Bursaries
https://www.lms.ac.uk/content/undergraduate-research-bursaries-2019

1st February 2019
Association for the Study of Animal Behaviour (ASAB) Undergraduate Project Scholarships
https://www.asab.org/scholarships/

1st February 2019
The British Psychological Society Summer Undergraduate Research Project
https://brphycsoc.org/awards_training/

10th February 2019
Microbiology Society Harry Smith Vacation Studentships

14th February 2019
Wellcome Trust Biomedical Vacation Scholarships
https://wellcome.ac.uk/funding/biomedical-vacation-scholarships

15th February 2019
Royal Astronomical Society Undergraduate Summer Bursaries 2019
https://ras.ac.uk/awards-and-grants/undergraduate-summer-bursaries

Call yet to be announced (2018 deadline was in February, please check link for current status)
Royal Society of Chemistry Undergraduate Research Bursaries 2019
http://www.rsc.org/ScienceAndTechnology/Funding/undergraduate-bursary.asp
22nd February 2019
Biochemical society Summer Vacation Studentships
http://www.biochemistry.org/Grants/SummerVacationStudentships.aspx

28th February 2019
Animal Welfare Student Scholarships

Call yet to be announced (2018 deadline was 27th February, please check link for current status)
Pathological Society Bursaries for Undergraduate Elective or Vacation Studies

Call opens in 2019 (please check link for current status)
British Pharmacological Society
https://www.bps.ac.uk/membership-awards/prizes,-awards-and-grants/our-prizes/vacation-studentships

Call open (2018 deadline was 27th February)
Newcastle University Research Scholarships Scheme
https://www.ncl.ac.uk/students/wellbeing/finance/researchscholarships.htm

28th February 2019
British Society for Antimicrobial Chemotherapy (BSAC) Vacation Scholarship
http://bsac.org.uk/funding/vacation-scholarship/

1 March 2019
Marine Biological Association of the UK Molly Spooner Bursary
https://www.mba.ac.uk/research-top-3/awards-grants-and-training#b14

1st March 2019
Experimental Psychology Society Undergraduate Research Bursary
https://eps.ac.uk/undergraduate-research-bursary/

8th March 2019
The British Psychological Society Undergraduate Research Assistantship Scheme

15th March 2019
Applied Vision Association Bradshaw-Eagle Undergraduate Research Scholarship
http://www.theava.net/awards/bradshaw-eagle.php

Call opens in 2019 (please check link for status)
Society for Endocrinology Summer studentships
https://www.endocrinology.org/grants-awards/grants/summer-studentships/

Open (2017 deadline was March)
Newcastle University BBSRC Research Experience Placements (REPs)
https://bbsrc.ukri.org/skills/investing-doctoral-training/research-experience-placements/
http://www.nld-dtp.org.uk/

Call yet to be announced (2018 deadline was March)
Society for Reproduction and Fertility Vacation Scholarships
http://srf-reproduction.org/grants-awards/grants/vacation-scholarships/

Call yet to be announced (2018 deadline was March)
Animal Free Research Summer Studentships
https://www.animalfreeresearchuk.org/summer-student-programme/
Call yet to be announced (2018 deadline was 26th March)
British Society for Cell Biology (BSCB) Summer Studentships
https://bscb.org/competitions-awardsgrants/studentships/

31st March 2019
Genetics Society Genes and Development Summer Studentships
http://www.genetics.org.uk/grants/summer-studentships/

Call yet to be announced (2018 deadline was 31st March)
Fisheries Society of the British Isles
https://www.fsbi.org.uk/funding/internships/

1st April 2019
British Society for Neuroendocrinology (BSN) Undergraduate Student Laboratory Experience Grants
https://www.neuroendo.org.uk/page.php?item_name=Grants

1st April 2019
British Society for Plant Physiology (BSPP) Undergraduate Vacation Bursary Fund
http://www.bspp.org.uk/funds/vacation.php

1st April 2019
Houghton Trust Vacation Studentships
http://www.houghtontrust.org.uk/vacation-studentships

30th April 2019
British Mycological Society Undergraduate Student Bursaries
https://www.britmycolsoc.org.uk/society/grants-and-prizes/undergraduate-bursary

30th April 2019
British Contact Lens Association (BCLA) Summer Research Scholarship
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

Call open (2018 deadline was 30th April)
British Lichen Summer Vacation Studentships
http://www.britishlichenociety.org.uk/the-society/membership/grants-scholarships

30th September 2019
College of Optometrists Undergraduate Research Scholarship
https://www.college-optometrists.org/the-college/research/research-funding-awards.html

Call will be announced in early 2019
Anatomical Society Undergraduate Summer Vacation Research Scholarships
FURTHER DETAILS

Please follow the web links to check the full terms and conditions; assessment criteria; how to apply, etc.

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British Mass Spectrometry Society, Chromatographic Society, and RSC NorthWest Analytical Division Summer Studentships 2018
http://www.bmss.org.uk/summer_studentships.shtml

What level of financial support can be expected?
The British Mass Spectrometry Society (BMSS) will fund approximately six projects, to a maximum value of £1500 per studentship. In addition the Chromatographic Society (ChromSoc) will fund up to a further two projects, provided that they contain a strong focus on separation science. The RSC’s NorthWest Analytical Division (NWAD) will also fund one studentship for those supervisors who qualify on geographical location grounds.

What is a summer studentship and what are the benefits?
The studentships are typically of 6-8 weeks duration focussed on involving the student in scientific research resulting in a report (see below). The report may be shared via society's publications and associated websites and many studentships have led to academic publications and talks.

What is the decision making process?
The BMSS Advisory Board, ChromSoc and RSC NWAD representatives will rank and select the projects that will receive funding based on criteria including their mass spectrometry and/or chromatography content, relevance to current topics, novelty of the project, deliverables and the development of the student. Some degree of matched funding will be looked upon favourably.

- N.B. Please check link for full eligibility details.
- The application must be submitted by a student’s supervisor.
- The supervisor must be a BMSS member of at least 3 months standing, or a ChromSoc or RSC member (to qualify for RSC NWAD support).

The supervisor must be a bone-fide employee of the institution/company in which the project will be conducted, to which the funds will be paid (not to named individuals).

18th January 2019
John Innes Centre in partnership with The Sainsbury Laboratory and The Earlham Institute
Undergraduate Summer School.
https://www.jic.ac.uk/training-careers/work-experience/17-and-over/undergraduate-summer-school/

The Undergraduate Summer School is a unique opportunity for undergraduates from all corners of the world to spend 8 weeks at our internationally renowned research centre, partnering with fellow Norwich Research Park institutes; The Sainsbury Laboratory and The Earlham Institute.

You will experience plant and microbial science, interacting with some of our world-leading scientists and gain an unrivalled insight into research, for your future career.
One afternoon each week is dedicated to training events that cover activities such as science communication, computer programming, field studies, advanced presentation skills, and discussions with students from previous years about career development.
Social interactions and teamwork are encouraged throughout, with activities including make-your-own pizza, bat walk and BBQs.
The programme culminates in a 2-day conference on the beautiful North Norfolk coast where students present and share their research.

Our International Undergraduate Summer School includes;
- £200 pw spending money
- Free accommodation in your own en-suite room, with shared kitchen
- A programme of training, research, seminars, workshops and social events
- Be part of a world-renowned scientist's laboratory and contribute to their research
• Experience life in a world-leading scientific institute across a variety of biological and chemical sciences; including microbiology, cell biology, biochemistry, chemistry, genetics, molecular biology and computational and mathematical biology

Applicants should be registered on a degree course. Students in their first or final year of study are not eligible.

Call yet to be announced (2018 deadline was end of January)
The Physiological Society Undergraduate Summer Studentship Scheme
http://www.physoc.org/undergraduate-summer-studentship-scheme

Summer Studentships offer undergraduates the opportunity to undertake a research project on an area of physiology over their summer break. Working under an academic supervisor, they can complete any kind of research project, providing it is hypothesis-driven and requires data collection and analytical skills. In addition to traditional 'wet' lab-based research, the scope for these projects could also include data analysis projects or education/science communication research – but literature reviews are NOT acceptable.

For students living away from home, funding of up to £200 a week for up to eight weeks is on offer. This is expected to contribute towards a subsistence allowance and/or cost of accommodation in university halls of residence or comparable student accommodation. For students living at home, funding of up to £100 a week for up to eight weeks is on offer. This is expected to contribute towards a subsistence allowance (food and travel).

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. Each supervisor is permitted to apply with one student only. Find details on how to apply for free Undergraduate membership on the weblink.

31st January 2019
Ecole Polytechnique Federale de Lausanne (EPFL) School of Life Sciences International Summer Research Program
https://sv.epfl.ch/summer-research

The Summer Research Program in Life Sciences and Technology at the Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne (EPFL), will offer an intensive research training opportunity to 25 undergraduate students interested in research careers in life sciences.

Each student will gain hands-on lab experience under the supervision of an EPFL Faculty from one of our institutes.
• Brain Mind Institute (BMI)
• Institute of Bioengineering (IBI)
• Global Health Institute (GHI)
• Swiss Institute for Experimental Cancer Research (ISREC)

The SRP is made up of several parts and the student must participate in each one.
• Two months of lab work (40 hours/week)
• Friday Seminars/workshops
• Closing Student Symposium
• Social Events

The summer research fellowships are awarded on a competitive basis taking into consideration several criteria including the student's academic record, letter of motivation and letters of recommendation.

Full eligibility criteria can be found at https://sv.epfl.ch/Selection-Criteria
**Call open in February 2019**

**Cystic Fibrosis Trust in collaboration with the British Lung Foundation Summer Studentships**

[https://www.cysticfibrosis.org.uk/the-work-we-do/research/research-we-are-funding/apply-for-funding/summer-studentships](https://www.cysticfibrosis.org.uk/the-work-we-do/research/research-we-are-funding/apply-for-funding/summer-studentships)

Summer Studentship take place in the summer vacation period, for a maximum of eight weeks, in the following areas:

- Cystic fibrosis – four places available.
- A specific lung condition (e.g., lung cancer, Mesothelioma, COPD, Interstitial Lung Disease etc) – four places available.
- Cross-respiratory research, with value across all (e.g., pulmonary infections) – two places available.

The award comprises:

- A stipend of £1,200 for living expenses.
- £300 for consumables (including poster printing costs).
- Expenses for attending the **UK Cystic Fibrosis Conference (UKCFC)** in September 2018 for those undertaking a CF project, or another relevant UK respiratory conference, (e.g., BTS, BALR etc) for those researching other lung conditions.

Students will finish the programme by attending UKCFC, or another UK respiratory conference, where they will present their work as a poster and see some of the other cutting-edge research taking place in the field of cystic fibrosis/other lung conditions. It is hoped and intended that this experience in the laboratory and at the conference will encourage students to consider incorporating CF/lung research into their future clinical careers.

**Please be aware:** The Trust does not assist in the organisation of project placements; supervisors should identify prospective students themselves

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**1st February 2019**

**London Mathematical Society (LMS) Undergraduate Research Bursaries**

[https://www.lms.ac.uk/content/undergraduate-research-bursaries-2019](https://www.lms.ac.uk/content/undergraduate-research-bursaries-2019)

**Nature of Awards**

The purpose of the awards is to give experience of research to undergraduates with research potential and to encourage them to consider a career in scientific research. The awards provide support for the student at a rate of £180 per week (or £190 per week in London), for a period of between 6 and 8 weeks. The London Mathematical Society does not pay overheads and does not offer research expenses except in exceptional circumstances. The bursaries produce no National Insurance contribution liability.

**Eligibility**

- Students may only take up the award during the summer vacation between the **intermediate years** (i.e., 2/3, 2/4 or 3/4) of their undergraduate degree. Students in the final year of their degree intending to undertake a **taught Masters** degree immediately following their undergraduate degree may apply. Applications on behalf of first-year undergraduates will **not** be considered.
- Researchers in Mathematics at universities and research institutions within the UK are eligible to apply. Interdisciplinary projects will be considered providing the project has significant mathematical content.
- Only one application should be submitted by a supervisor.
- Departments are asked to provide **match-funding** for half of the grant awarded (for example, for a 6 week grant at £180 per week, departments will be asked to contribute £90 and the Society will contribute £90). Departments offering match-funding will be able to receive funding for up to 4 half-funded Bursaries. Departments not willing to provide match-funding will only be able to receive funding for up to 2 Bursaries. Please bear in mind that this is a national scheme with a limited number of bursaries.
- Students will normally be expected to be on track for a first class degree in order to be considered.
- Students must be registered at a **UK institution** for the majority of their undergraduate
• Bursaries will not be awarded for projects that are a part of degree work, or that take place overseas for more than 50% of the project time.

1st February 2019
Association for the Study of Animal Behaviour (ASAB) Undergraduate Project Scholarships
https://www.asab.org/scholarships/

Undergraduate Project Scholarships enable undergraduates to undertake supervised research projects, which fall within the field of animal behaviour, defined as the sphere of interest of papers published in Animal Behaviour. Projects can run from 1 to 10 weeks during academic vacations (including the vacation immediately following graduation). The applicant is the undergraduate, although applications are often written in collaboration with the applicant's academic supervisor.

The scholarship includes £200 per week towards subsistence for the student and up to £500 total towards research expenses. The subsistence costs are calculated on the basis of a weekly rate, which is reviewed annually.

We welcome applications from applicants who are not members of ASAB, but either the applicant's supervisor or Head of Department must be an ASAB member. Awards will not be granted to support work that forms part of a degree course or participation in a larger project or expedition. The project should be supported by a proposed supervisor and the Head of Department. Retrospective applications will not be considered.

1st February 2019
The British Psychological Society Summer Undergraduate Research Project
https://bپhycsoc.org/award

The British Phycological Society has set aside funds to support student projects, students attending the Society's Annual Meeting and other meetings specifically concerned with algal biology, including non-award-bearing courses (for example at field centres) primarily concerned with algae. Funds are not unlimited, so preference will be given to those presenting papers or posters at the Annual Meeting. For meeting applications, preference will also be given to those presenting posters or papers and to attendees at courses over those simply attending meetings.

In addition to awards for student activities, the British Phycological Society funds a competitive project awards programme to support hypothesis-driven projects that promote and further phycology, its applications and dissemination.

Please note that all applicants should have been a member of the British Phycological Society for at least three months to be eligible to apply.

10th February 2019
Microbiology Society Harry Smith Vacation Studentships

The Society offers a limited number of awards to enable undergraduates to work on microbiological research projects during the summer vacation. Applications must be made by the project supervisor on behalf of a named student.

Key details
Maximum award: £1880
Deadlines: 10 February
Eligible membership categories: Full and Full Concessionary Members
Minimum membership: two consecutive membership subscription payments required

Full or Full Concessionary Members of the Society working in a Higher Education Institution, research institute or Small- or Medium-sized Enterprise (SME - as defined by Companies House) in the UK or Republic of Ireland. Applicants will act as the project supervisor and should be PhD qualified or hold a senior research or academic position. A minimum membership period of two consecutive subscription payments applies.
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.

Please read all the information on the website carefully and ensure you have read and agreed to the grants terms and conditions before submitting and application.

14th February 2019
Wellcome Trust Biomedical Vacation Scholarships
https://wellcome.ac.uk/funding/biomedical-vacation-scholarships

These awards provide promising undergraduates with hands-on experience of research during the summer vacation, with the aim of encouraging them to consider a career in research.

You can apply for a Biomedical Vacation Scholarship if you're studying for an undergraduate degree in a relevant subject (e.g. science, medicine, dentistry, engineering, mathematics). The trust provides a stipend of £250 per week for a duration of 6-8 weeks.

Your proposed scholarship can take place at the university where you're studying or another eligible host organisation in the UK or Republic of Ireland (e.g. a university or research institute). You're eligible to apply in the middle year(s) of your degree, when you have not yet undertaken a substantial period of research.

NB Please see webpage for full details.

15th February 2019
Royal Astronomical Society Undergraduate Summer Bursaries 2019
https://ras.ac.uk/awards-and-grants/undergraduate-summer-bursaries

For undergraduates wishing to complete a summer research project of six to ten weeks duration. (Undergraduate Summer Bursaries to be selected as category of grant when making the online application).

Such bursaries would provide support to enable motivated undergraduates who are considering research as a career to work in a research environment for part of the summer before their 3rd or 4th year. The Society will fund at most one bursary per supervisor per year. Applications should normally be for £1,200 - this is the maximum amount independent of length of project.

N.B Please see webpage for full details.

Call yet to be announced (2018 deadline was in February, please check link for current status)
Royal Society of Chemistry Undergraduate Research Bursaries 2019
http://www.rsc.org/ScienceAndTechnology/Funding/undergraduate-bursary.asp

We offer bursaries to fund undergraduate summer research placements in chemistry-related research areas. These research bursaries are to fund short (6-8 weeks) summer research projects for undergraduate chemistry students in the middle years of their course within a university department to work on an actual research project. The purpose of the awards is to give experience of research to undergraduates with research potential and to encourage them to consider a career in scientific research.

The bursary is worth £200 per week (£210 in London) for up to 8 weeks to cover a defined research placement.

The student must be in the **middle years of their first degree** (i.e. year 2 of a 3-year degree or year 2 or 3 of a 4-year degree) at the time of application. Applications from first- or final-year undergraduates or from graduates will **not** be considered.
22nd February 2019
Biochemical society Summer Vacation Studentships
http://www.biochemistry.org/Grants/SummerVacationStudentships.aspx

Grants are available for stipends of £200 per week for 6 – 8 weeks, and up to £1,600 in total, to support an undergraduate student to carry out a summer lab placement. This scheme not only benefits the student as they get valuable research experience, but the supervisor also gains an extra pair of hands in the lab.

Interested students must pair up with a potential supervisor, develop a project together, then apply for funding. 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.

28th February 2019
Animal Welfare Student Scholarships

Through its Animal Welfare Student Scholarships, UFAW aims to encourage students to develop their interests in animal welfare and to provide them with an opportunity to conduct relevant research or other (eg educational) projects. In these, and its other awards, UFAW wishes to promote high quality research that is likely to lead to substantial improvements in animal welfare. UFAW seeks to promote both fundamental research aimed at providing new insight into the subjective mental experiences of animals relevant to their welfare and at understanding their needs and preferences, and also to promote applied research aimed at developing practical solutions to animal welfare problems. Applications are welcome from individuals studying at universities or colleges in the British Isles or an overseas institution at which there is a UFAW University Link. Students will usually be undertaking courses in the agricultural, biological, psychological, veterinary or zoological sciences. However, we would also be pleased to receive applications from students from other disciplines who are interested in carrying out a project in animal welfare. MSc students on appropriate courses will also be considered.

Projects may be carried out within the UK or overseas and must be relevant to improving the welfare of farm, companion, laboratory, zoo or free-living wild animals whose welfare is compromised by human factors. NB Much as UFAW applauds research that advances species conservation and other important issues – this scholarship is for work that addresses animal welfare.

Student Scholarships consist of £200 per week subsistence allowance for the Scholar plus £800 maximum project costs to the department. Although typically completed during the summer vacation, projects may be carried out at any time and usually last between four and eight weeks. Support is provided for up to 8 weeks, although projects themselves may be longer than this. Payments are made prior to the commencement of the project by cheques made out to the Scholar and the Supervisor’s Department. Scholars are asked to present their research findings at the Annual Scholars Meeting held in universities around the UK. First held in 1999, these free-to-all, popular meetings have proved to be very enjoyable and successful occasions, with the Scholars reinforcing the impression that animal welfare science attracts the some of the brightest and best.

Call yet to be announced (2018 deadline was 27th February, please check link for current status)
Pathological Society Bursaries for Undergraduate Elective or Vacation Studies

- Funding to support research projects in pathology or gain experience in diagnostic departments during elective or vacation periods
- £150.00 per week for a maximum of eight weeks
- Undergraduate Society members who are students of medicine, veterinary medicine, dentistry or biomedical science based in UK and/or Ireland are eligible.
Call opens in 2019 (please check link for current status)
British Pharmacological Society
https://www.bps.ac.uk/membership-awards/prizes,-awards-and-grants/our-prizes/vacation-studentships

This studentship encourages the students 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. Applications will be assessed on the student's record and evidence of interest in research, quality of the project, and the supervisor’s track record.

- Available to undergraduate members
- Applications will be considered for projects in areas including:
  - Exploratory or applied pharmacology
  - Experimental/translational medicine & clinical research
- Final year students may apply but the award will only support a standalone project
- The supervisor must have been a Society member for a minimum of 3 years and must be an Early Career Member, Full member or Fellow
- Supervisors are encouraged to only submit one application. If submitting more than one, applications should be ranked at the point of submission

Call open (2018 deadline was 27th February)
Newcastle University Research Scholarships Scheme
https://www.ncl.ac.uk/students/wellbeing/finance/reserachscholarships.htm

To provide undergraduates who have research potential with experience of research and to encourage them to take further postgraduate study.

Applicants should be one of the following:

- Undergraduates in the middle year (preferably penultimate) year of their first degree;
- Undergraduate medical or dental students between the end of their second year and the end of their penultimate year;
- Undergraduates studying for language or other 4 year degrees either at the end of their second year or third year (i.e. just before or after their year of overseas study).
- Students in stage 1 of undergraduate studies will not be considered for research scholarship awards.
- Students awarded funding by the University Expeditions Committee will not be considered for Research Scholarship awards in the same year.
- Only one internal Research Scholarship application will be considered from each registered student in any one academic year.

28th February 2019
British Society for Antimicrobial Chemotherapy (BSAC) Vacation Scholarship
http://bsac.org.uk/funding/vacation-scholarship/

Purpose: Vacation Scholarships are designed to give undergraduates research experience of up to 10 weeks. Each research project should be designed so that it is 1) completed within the time available of up to 10 weeks, and 2) of direct relevance to the field of Antimicrobial Chemotherapy.

Eligibility: These Scholarships are open to applicants on a worldwide basis. Only undergraduates will be considered for these Scholarships.

Value: 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.

Number awarded: A maximum of 3 Vacation Scholarships are awarded each year. Applications are considered by the BSAC Grants Committee in May each year.

Conditions for Vacation Scholarships: Applicants should be in the middle years of a full-time first degree course in the sciences, medicine, veterinary medicine or dentistry to be able work with dentist companies as Asecra. Only undergraduates will be considered for these Scholarships.
Projects designed to be presented as undergraduate or postgraduate laboratory practical assignments will not be considered.

The Head of Department must agree to house the research at their institute, and to supply adequate facilities for the research to be carried out. Only one application can be submitted per Department. The BSAC should be informed immediately if the Department is unable to supply adequate facilities for the research to be conducted.

1 March 2019
Marine Biological Association of the UK Molly Spooner Bursary
https://www.mba.ac.uk/research-top-3/awards-grants-and-training#b14

Bursary: One bursary awarded annually and valued at £1500 for approximately 10 weeks work experience with an MBA Research Fellow’s group, usually taken up during the summer vacation.

Eligibility: This bursary is open to university-level students who are current undergraduates at the time of application (see closing date below) and who are interested in pursuing a research career. Applicants must be a current member of the MBA (see Membership). The bursary will be available from 1st June in any one year and can be taken up at any time thereafter during the summer period.

Application procedure: Interested students should first contact an MBA Research Fellow in an area of marine biological research you would like to work. The purpose of this is to register your interest in applying and for an MBA Fellow to outline a project you could potentially undertake in support of the research programme (see list of Fellows). An application consisting of a covering letter together with a brief CV including at least one referee (preferably your academic tutor) should be sent by email to the MBA Director’s PA (email: sec@mba.ac.uk) by the closing date. The covering letter should detail why you are interested in working at the MBA and particularly in the research area identified, and why you think you should be considered for this bursary.

1st March 2019
Experimental Psychology Society Undergraduate Research Bursary
https://eps.ac.uk/undergraduate-research-bursary/

This scheme will finance a number of bursaries to support undergraduates studying psychology or a related discipline in the summer vacation immediately prior to their final year. Members may not apply for the scheme if they currently hold an EPS Small Grant, or if they received a Small Grant in the immediately preceding year. Awards will be made to members of the Society and will provide up to 10 weeks’ support (£200 per week) for their nominated undergraduate. It is intended that the bursaries be targeted at undergraduates who are planning a research career in experimental psychology (as defined by the content of the Society’s journals). The bursary will be administered, and the research project carried out, at the applicant’s institution, although this need not be the institution at which the student is currently registered for a degree. The purpose of these bursaries is to allow the student to learn at first hand about experimental procedures and analyses employed in the host laboratory. Awards will not be granted for work that is a central part of an already-funded project. The award is for a maximum of £2,000, and any additional expenses must be borne by the host institution. The Society will, on receipt of an invoice at the end of the period of the bursary, reimburse the institution up to the maximum amount detailed in the letter of award.

The EPS can only consider one application per department and it is the responsibility of the department who to put forward for the award. The Head of Department should confirm that the single department nomination carries their support (although it isn’t expected that they make that decision).

8th March 2019
The British Psychological Society Undergraduate Research Assistantship Scheme

The scheme is a prestigious award that marks out a student as a future researcher and potential academic.

It is hoped that the senior researcher, to whom the award is made, will develop the student's potential
and interest in research.

- Applicants must be members of the Society who are active psychology researchers employed by a UK HEI, who may then appoint an undergraduate student who is finishing the penultimate year of their degree to become their Research Assistant in the summer break before the start of the final year of their degree.
- To be eligible to receive a Research Assistantship award, students must be completing a Society accredited undergraduate degree (or equivalent) in psychology; be considering research as a career; be expecting to achieve a 2.1 or a 1st class degree; and be finishing the penultimate year of their degree and due to start their final year following the completion of the project.
- The award provides a student stipend at a weekly rate of £200, for a 6-8 week project.

15th March 2019

Applied Vision Association Bradshaw-Eagle Undergraduate Research Scholarship
http://www.theava.net/awards/bradshaw-eagle.php

This Award: The aim of this scheme is to support undergraduates who wish to carry out supervised summer research projects during the middle years of their degree in a vision laboratory, normally in a UK Higher Education Institution. 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 purpose of the scheme is to allow the student to experience a real research environment and to be trained to carry out a piece of scientific research, with the aim of encouraging them to consider an academic research career.

Eligibility: The project supervisor will be responsible for the application and will be the formal award-holder, if an award is offered. They must be an AVA member. The supervisor must hold an established academic position, normally within a UK university. They must be able to guarantee the student space, and full supervision, in their laboratory for the project period. Preference will be given to applicants who have not held this award in the past. Only one application per student and supervisor is allowed in any one year. Supervisors must be able to confirm that the student has not obtained an award from any other source for this project.

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 (i.e. not the first year, nor the last year, of studies) when the application is submitted.

Funding criteria: Projects should fall within the field of vision research, as judged by the AVA Committee, in the sphere of interest of journals including Perception, Vision Research and the Journal of Vision. Applications should be submitted by the supervisor, with relevant sections of the application form completed by the student. The project should be a self-contained piece of academic research with a clearly defined objective, and will be judged on scientific merit of the proposed work, quality of the training/experience provided to the student, and last but not least on the student’s academic record and aptitude for research.

Call opens in 2019 (please check link for status)
Society for Endocrinology Summer studentships
https://www.endocrinology.org/grants-and-awards/grants/summer-studentships/

To support supervisors in hosting undergraduate students in endocrinology or the life sciences during a 10-week summer placement. Enabling students to gain valuable hand-on experience in an active research environment.

- 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 via email to grants@endocrinology.org.
- Host supervisors are required to be members of the Society for Endocrinology of at least one year's standing.
• Host supervisors will normally be an academic or academic-related staff member working in a university or research institute. If not, a letter of support is required from the principal investigator or clinical team leader.

Open (2017 deadline was March)
Newcastle University BBSRC Research Experience Placements (REPs)
https://bbsrc.ukri.org/skills/investing-doctoral-training/research-experience-placements/
http://www.nlid-dtp.org.uk/

Purpose
• To give promising undergraduates a first-hand opportunity to gain greater experience of research in the biosciences
• To raise the profile of research careers amongst undergraduate students
• To interest students in postgraduate research in strategically important areas for BBSRC

Newcastle University is allocated 3 REPs per year.

Selected students must be:
• in the middle years of their first degree studies
• registered for a basic science (including mathematics and engineering) or veterinary degree at a UK university
• expected to obtain a first or upper second class UK honours degree

Preference should be given to students who wish to use the placement to find out more about their suitability and aptitude for further research, particularly if the project is in an area of science different from their main subject area.

Call yet to be announced (2018 deadline was March)
Society for Reproduction and Fertility Vacation Scholarships
http://srf-reproduction.org/grants-awards/grants/vacation-scholarships/

The objective of these scholarships is to enable particularly promising students to work during the summer vacation in university departments or research institutes on research projects related to reproduction, fertility and lactation in humans and other animals.

Students should normally be in the second (if on a three year course) or second/third (if on a four year course) year of their undergraduate degree studies and may be considering research as a career. Ideally, projects should be undertaken in the summer vacation prior to the student entering their final year. Projects can be a maximum of 8 weeks long, and include a stipend funded of £250 per week to cover living costs for the student, plus an award of £1,000 to be paid to the host laboratory to cover the cost of consumables for the project.

Scholarships are not available for students to undertake projects which form part of their normal degree course. Novel, stand alone projects are encouraged. Only one scholarship will be awarded per student over the course of their undergraduate study. Project supervisors MUST be fully paid-up SRF members.

Call yet to be announced (2018 deadline was March)
Animal Free Research Summer Studentships
https://www.animalfreeresearchuk.org/summer-student-programme/

The Animal Free Research UK Summer Student Programme was established to assist undergraduate or recently graduated students in gaining practical animal-replacement research experience by working in a laboratory environment.

Summer Student research projects are open to students who have not yet finished their undergraduate degree and are 8 weeks long. However, students must have completed at least two years of study before the start of their studentship. Students are paid a stipend for the duration of their project.
These short summer projects are a great way to get students to begin their research careers. They also allow students the opportunity to gain a better understanding of how to conduct animal-free research. Former students have found that these short projects influence their career decisions and encourage them to pursue non-animal based research careers.

**Call yet to be announced (2018 deadline was 26th March)**

**British Society for Cell Biology (BSCB) Summer Studentships**

https://bscb.org/competitions-awardsgrants/studentships/

The BSCB Summer Vacation Studentships offer financial support for high caliber undergraduate students, who wish to gain research experience in cell biology during their summer vacation. Our aim is to encourage students to consider a post-graduate career in cell biology after their undergraduate studies.

**General Details:**

1. 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.
2. Awards comprise a student stipend of £180 per week for up to 8 weeks. Awards do not cover consumable costs.
3. Applications must be made by the prospective supervisor on behalf of a named student. The supervisor must be the Head of the lab but named post-docs are allowed to offer day to day supervision (see application form).
4. Supervisors must be a BSCB member for a minimum of one year before, or on the date of, the application. Only one application may be submitted per supervisor. There are no restrictions concerning the nationality of the student, nor do they have to be a student at a UK university. We do not accept re-applications in 2 consecutive years from successful labs. BSCB committee members are eligible to apply.
5. The research project must be on a topic in the broad area of cell biology and must not form part of the student’s normal degree work. Projects will be assessed for objective, achievability and opportunity to the student.

**31st March 2019**

**Genetics Society Genes and Development Summer Studentships**

http://www.genetics.org.uk/grants/summer-studentships/

Grants are available to provide financial support for undergraduate students interested in gaining research experience in any area of genetics by carrying out a research project over the long vacation, usually prior to their final year.

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.

- Studentships will only be awarded to students who have yet to complete their first degree i.e. those who will still be undergraduates during the long vacation when the studentship is undertaken.
- Extension of honours projects or early starts for PhD students are not eligible.
- Both the PI and the student concerned must be members of the Genetics Society.

The studentship will consist of an award of £200 per week for up to 8 weeks to the student plus a grant of up to £750 to cover expenses incurred by the host laboratory: lab expenses must be justified. The project should be realistic and achievable by a student in this time frame: attention should be paid to student training needs in the application.

**Call yet to be announced (2018 deadline was 31st March)**

**Fisheries Society of the British Isles**

https://www.fsbi.org.uk/funding/internships/

The FSBI holds an annual competition open to any student wishing to apply for an undergraduate summer internship. The internship provides the student with a stipend to cover living expenses whilst
carrying out a summer research project within a host institution.

The FSBI has established an annual competition to fund summer undergraduate internships for student members of the FSBI. The aim of the programme is to enable undergraduates to conduct supervised research in the UK or the Republic of Ireland lasting up to 8 weeks during the summer vacation whilst registered as a student, or during the summer immediately after completing their final year of studies. The FSBI will provide a grant of £200 (c. €236) per week up to a maximum of £1600 (i.e. 8 weeks) towards subsistence and travel expenses. We expect that 8-10 awards will be made each year.

Applicants should be studying for an honours degree in a subject relevant to fish biology, normally biological sciences, but other degree programmes will be considered if the proposed project is within the field of fish biology or fish management. Awards will not be made to support work that forms part of a degree programme or for participation in an expedition. The project submitted by the applicant should be approved by the proposed supervisor, and by the Head of Department within the proposed host institution. Projects do not have to be conducted within the department or institution where the applicant is registered for a degree. Research projects may be in any field relevant to fish biology and to the objectives of the FSBI. These would normally be projects in which fish are the primary species but could include those that examine the influence of non-fish taxa on an aspect of fish biology. However, the focus of the research must be fish biology, and the FSBI reserves the right to decide on the suitability of proposed research topics for the awards. It is a condition of funding that a report is completed by successful interns by 31 October of the year of award and that a student membership is taken out.

1st April 2019
British Society for Neuroendocrinology (BSN) Undergraduate Student Laboratory Experience Grants
https://www.neuroendo.org.uk/page.php?item_name=Grants

Eligibility
- The host supervisor should apply on behalf of a selected named student that they consider suitable for a project in their lab.
- Students may be of any nationality.
- Undergraduate students or students immediately after graduation or prior to starting MSc or PhD studies are eligible.
- The host supervisor must have been a member of the BSN for at least 6 months.

Summary
- Strictly for short vacation research projects (max. 8 weeks).
- Awards are primarily to support student accommodation and subsistence.
- Some financial support is available for limited and identified lab consumables required for the techniques to be used.

Further information
- The aim of this scheme is to give the student a meaningful laboratory experience.
- Applications must be made in advance: retrospective applications will not be considered.

Award value
- Up to 15 awards per year will be granted.
- Awards will be £140 per week for a maximum of 8 weeks (£160 per week in London), and will be paid in 1 lump sum to the student.
- Additionally, up to £1000 per award is available for identified consumables.
- 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 they will present their work.
1st April 2019

British Society for Plant Physiology (BSPP) Undergraduate Vacation Bursary Fund
http://www.bspp.org.uk/funds/vacation.php

The undergraduate vacation bursary is open to all BSPP members and will provide modest support for work on specified research projects during the summer vacation. The objective of the bursaries is to provide undergraduates considering a research career with some practical experience in a plant pathology laboratory and to assist supervisors to meet some specific research objectives. Applications are invited from supervisors on behalf of an identified student. Students should be in the middle year(s) of their degree course and each BSPP member will be restricted to making a single application annually. Bursaries will be awarded on a competitive basis.

The bursary is not transferable and students will receive a sum of 200 pounds sterling per week to cover their living expenses. A sum of 500 pounds sterling will also be provided for consumables. Bursaries will be for a maximum of 10 weeks and a minimum of 8 weeks. In the event of a successful application, cheques will be made payable to the institution in which the student will work who should arrange payment weekly in arrears subject to satisfactory attendance and performance. The final payment should be made only after a short report (500 words maximum), completed by the student, has been submitted to BSPP via the supervisor.

1st April 2019

Houghton Trust Vacation Studentships
http://www.houghtontrust.org.uk/vacation-studentships

In the spring each year, the Trust offers a small number of Vacation Studentships to enable undergraduate veterinary students in the UK to work on research projects related to avian and particularly poultry diseases during the summer vacation of that year. The purpose of the awards is to provide undergraduates with experience of research and to encourage them to consider a career in avian disease research. This funding will be awarded following assessment of applications by members of the Trust.

The studentships provide support at a rate of £185 per week for a period of between 6 and 8 weeks. An additional sum of up to £400 for specific research costs may also be awarded. It is also possible that recipients may be sponsored to present results of their work at a meeting of the British Veterinary Poultry Association.

30th April 2019

British Mycological Society Undergraduate Student Bursaries
https://www.britmycolsoc.org.uk/society/grants-and-prizes/undergraduate-bursary

The British Mycological Society offers a number of Undergraduate Student Bursaries to give experience of research in any branch of mycology.

The awards will provide support for the student at a rate of £200 per week normally for a period of between 4 and 10 weeks in the summer vacation prior to their final year of study. Overheads will not be paid but a sum of up to £250 is available to the host institution as a contribution to consumable costs of the research if funds are not available from other sources and the expenditure can be validated. No other payments will be made.

Supervisors at universities and research institutions within the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland are eligible to apply. The supervisor will normally be a full-time employee at a UK University or Research Institute, as well as a current paid-up member of the BMS. Only one application will be considered from each supervisor.

Students must be registered for a degree course at an institution within the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland. Awards will not be made for projects that are a required part of degree work, or expeditions, or for work outside the British Isles.

Note: Students must take up the bursary during the summer vacation before their final year. Applications on behalf of students in their final year will not be considered. A short report on the
project will be required as part of the conditions of receiving the award.

30th April 2019
British Contact Lens Association (BCLA) Summer Research Scholarship
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

The BCLA Summer Research Scholarship is awarded to two students annually in full-time education. The purpose of the eight-week independent scholarship, worth £1,500, is to give undergraduate students about to start their final year of university/college a unique opportunity to benefit from:

- An introduction to study at postgraduate level in the field of contact lenses and/or the anterior eye
- Project design, data analysis and dissemination of results
- Familiarisation with software packages

Two awards per year will be granted, subject to suitable applications being received. Scholars must be in the penultimate year of study in their university/college course. The project cannot be part of coursework required for their study by their university/college. Scholars will be awarded £1,500 for the eight-week project in the summer vacation.

Call open (2018 deadline was 30th April)
British Lichen Summer Vacation Studentships
http://www.britishlichensociety.org.uk/the-society/membership/grants-scholarships

The Society offers one vacation scholarship annually to provide an undergraduate student with research experience in any branch of lichenology. Candidates should be higher education/university students in Britain who are about to complete their second or third year of study.

The maximum value of the scholarship is £200 per week for a maximum of 10 weeks, plus a small grant towards the cost of materials, amounting to an overall maximum of £2,200. The project should be complete in itself, although this need not preclude topics related to broader studies, and it should not constitute a required part of degree work, or an expedition or work outside the UK.

Applications should be made by the supervisor who should hold a post in a UK research institution (e.g. university, museum, botanical garden) and be a BLS member.

30th September 2019
College of Optometrists Undergraduate Research Scholarship
https://www.college-optometrists.org/the-college/research/research-funding-awards.html

The Undergraduate Research Scholarship provides funding for a short period of experience in an active research laboratory. Successful applicants can receive funding for eight weeks employment, which can be split into four week blocks. Successful applicants will receive £2,000 to help cover maintenance costs. Funding is not for the project costs.

Applications are welcomed at any time, on a first-come, first-served basis, until all available Scholarships have been awarded. The applications are made by prospective project Supervisors, although Scholars are welcome to be involved in the application process and this will be looked upon favourably.

Scholars must be student members of the College at the start of the Scholarship and remain in membership for the duration of the Award.

Scholars must be undergraduates on a UK optometry degree course, preferably in the penultimate year of their course, and be expected to achieve a first or upper second class honours degree.
Call will be announced in early 2019
Anatomical Society Undergraduate Summer Vacation Research Scholarships

The Anatomical Society is offering up to 10 bursaries a year commencing 2018 to enthusiastic and qualified undergraduate students to undertake research in the Anatomical Sciences (including Anatomy Education) during a 4 to 10 week period in the summer vacation. It is hoped that this opportunity will encourage students to consider a research career in anatomical science. 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)).

Students are required to submit a final summary report within 6 weeks of the end of the project which will be posted on the website. Students are encouraged to prepare and submit a Poster and, attend one of the Anatomical Society Meetings within 12 months of the end of the Scholarship (NB free meeting registration will be offered but not travel or accommodation costs).