

Funding for Vacation Component of the SSC in Research Practice (as at 23/12/2020)

This list of bodies that fund vacation studentships has been prepared to provide a guide of some of the funding opportunities available to medical students and a summary of the eligibility criteria. This list is by no means exhaustive and does not list the full eligibility criteria. Once you have selected which funding bodies you would like to apply to, read the online application guidelines and eligibility criteria carefully to ensure you optimise your chances of being funded. **PLEASE BE AWARE THAT SOME WEBPAGES HAVE NOT YET BEEN UPDATED SO PLEASE KEEP CHECKING BACK.** (Some of the links in the table also need to be copied and pasted into the browser as they will not open by clicking on them)

Funder	Funding available	Eligibility criteria (more can be found on the websites)	Deadline	Further information
Alzheimer's Society	£200 per week for up to 8 weeks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The host institution must be within the UK. All students must be registered at a UK institution for the majority of their undergraduate degree. Students must be in the middle years (i.e. 2/3, 2/4 or 3/4) of their degree when commencing the studentship. 	CURRENTLY PAUSED	https://www.alzheimers.org.uk/research/researchers/our-funding-schemes/undergraduate-research-bursaries
Anaesthetic Research Society		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applications should be made by the proposed supervisor and not the student. It is not necessary for a student to have been identified to apply for funding. The award is open to ARS members in the UK only. 		https://www.ars.ac.uk/grants-and-awards
Association of Clinical Pathologists		<p>Laboratory medicine includes disciplines such as clinical chemistry, histopathology, haematology, immunology, microbiology, virology etc.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The ACP Student Research Fund is open to applications from undergraduate medical students (sponsored by ACP members if possible). 		https://bbsrc.ukri.org/skills/investing-doctoral-training/research-experience-placements/

Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council		<p>Selected students must be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 		https://bbsrc.ukri.org/skills/investing-doctoral-training/research-experience-placements/
Biochemical Society		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interested students must pair up with a potential supervisor, develop a project together, and 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. 		https://www.biochemistry.org/grants-and-awards/grants-and-bursaries/summer-vacation-studentships/
BLF - Cystic Fibrosis Trust	A stipend of £1,400 for living expenses, £100 for consumables	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students must be a medical student between the end of their second year and the end of their penultimate year. • The project supervisor must hold an established academic position within the university or research unit. 		https://www.cysticfibrosis.org.uk/the-work-we-do/research/research-we-are-funding/apply-for-funding/summer-studentships
British Pharmacological Society	£1850 for up to 10 weeks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Projects will be considered in areas including exploratory or applied pharmacology and experimental/translational medicine and clinical research • Applicants must be supervised by a Society member of at least three years (who must be an Early Career Member, Full Member or Fellow) 	Opens in Jan 2021, closes 28 Feb 2021	https://www.bps.ac.uk/membership-awards/prizes,-awards-and-grants/our-prizes/vacation-studentships

<p>British Society for Antimicrobial Chemotherapy</p>	<p>£270 per week for up to 10 weeks and £500 consumables</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Candidates should be in the middle years of a full-time first degree course in the sciences, medicine, veterinary medicine or dentistry. Only undergraduates are considered for these scholarships. • Projects designed to be presented as undergraduate or postgraduate laboratory practical assignments will not be considered. • Only one application per department is allowed. • 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. 		<p>http://www.bsac.org.uk/funding/vacation-scholarship/</p>
<p>British Society for Cell Biology</p>	<p>£250 per week for up to 8 weeks</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The BSCB Summer Vacation Studentships offer financial support for high calibre undergraduate students, who wish to gain research experience in cell biology during their summer vacation. • The application must be made by the prospective supervisor. 		<p>http://bscb.org/competitions-awardsgrants/studentships/</p>
<p>British Society for Developmental Biology</p>	<p>£200 per week for up to 8 weeks</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applications must be made by the undergraduate student and contain the information and support letters specified in the application form. The project proposal and application form should be written by the undergraduate student, with guidance from the host supervisor. • The proposed project supervisor must be a BSDB member. • The project must be on a topic in the broad area of Developmental Biology. Note, that projects will be assessed according to their aims, achievability and opportunity to the student. 		<p>http://bsdb.org/awards/gurdon-studentships-for-summer-vacation-work/</p>
<p>British Society for Neuroendocrinology</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The host supervisor should apply on behalf of a selected named student that they consider suitable for a project in their lab. • Undergraduate students or students immediately after 		<p>https://www.neuroendo.org.uk/page.php?item_name=Grants+Panel</p>

		<p>graduation or prior to starting MSc or PhD studies are eligible.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The host supervisor must have been a member of the BSN for at least 6 months. 		
Carnegie Trust	<p>Stipend at the equivalent of the current Scottish Living Wage rate, per week for 2 – 12 weeks</p>	<p>You are eligible to apply for this Scholarship scheme if you:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> are an undergraduate student at one of the following institutions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> universities: Aberdeen, Abertay, Dundee, Edinburgh, Edinburgh Napier, Glasgow, Glasgow Caledonian, Heriot-Watt, Highlands and Islands, Queen Margaret, Robert Gordon, St Andrews, Stirling, Strathclyde, West of Scotland; Glasgow School of Art Royal Conservatoire of Scotland; are enrolled at that institution for the full length of your degree, or transferred to that HEI after an HNC/HND from a Scottish college; In the 3rd year of a 4 year degree, OR in the 3rd or 4th year of a 5 year degree (part-time students must be at an equivalent stage), OR in the 2nd year of a 3 year degree (for example Nursing, BA Acting/Ballet etc.) are entitled to live and work in the UK. Students with Limited Leave to Remain, Pre-settled or Settled Status, or students on a Tier 4 Visa, must be able to prove that they are eligible to work full-time in the UK in the period between May and August 2021. on track to achieve a 2:1 or higher; have never held a Carnegie Vacation Scholarship. 	<p>Open Dec 2020, close 31 Jan 2021</p>	<p>https://www.carnegie-trust.org/award-schemes/vacation-scholarships/</p>
Experimental Psychology Society	<p>£200 per week for up to 10 weeks</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> These bursaries enable undergraduates who are considering a postgraduate research career in Experimental Psychology to work in a research laboratory under the supervision of an EPS member during the summer vacation prior to their final year. 		<p>https://eps.ac.uk/undergraduate-research-bursary/</p>

<p>Genetics Society</p>	<p>Up to £750 to cover justifiable expenses incurred by the host laboratory. A stipend to cover 8 weeks subsistence during the studentship will be paid directly to the student.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The project should be realistic and achievable by a student within an eight-week time frame for completion prior to the last week in August. • 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. 	<p>Closes 1 March 2021</p>	<p>http://www.genetics.org.uk/grants/summer-studentships/</p>
<p>Medical Research Scotland</p>	<p>£270 per week for 6 – 8 weeks</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scholarships are not available for the completion of projects that are part of the student's normal degree course. • Only one application is permitted per student in any one academic year. Students who have previously had a Medical Research Scotland Vacation Scholarship are not eligible. • We welcome applications from students studying any subject, provided the proposed project addresses a question relevant to human health or disease 		<p>https://medicalresearchscotland.org.uk/undergraduate-vacation-scholarship/</p>
<p>Microbiology Society</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 one year (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. 	<p>Open now, closes 17 Feb 2021</p>	<p>https://microbiologysociety.org/grants/travel-research/harry-smith-vacation-studentships.html</p>
<p>Pathological Society</p>	<p>£200 per week for up to 8 weeks</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undergraduate Society members who are students of medicine, veterinary medicine, dentistry or biomedical science 		<p>https://www.pathsoc.org/index.php/grants-lectures-awards/education-</p>

		<p>based in UK and/or Ireland</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding to support research projects in pathology or gain experience in diagnostic departments during elective or vacation periods 		grants/undergraduate-bursary
The Physiological Society		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Undergraduate Members can apply International students are also eligible to apply The supervisor must be a Full Member or Affiliate Member (with support from a Full Member) 	Open now, closes 28 Feb 2021	https://www.physoc.org/supporting-you/grants/summer-studentships/
The Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposals for work on research projects in any branch of surgery are eligible for consideration. Preference will be given to applications sponsored by a Member/Fellow of The Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh, but quality of project and applicant shall be the over-riding consideration. 	Closes 28 April 2021	https://www.rcsed.ac.uk/professional-support-development-resources/grants-jobs-and-placements/research-travel-and-award-opportunities/student-bursaries
Society for Endocrinology	£185 per week for up to 10 weeks plus up to £1,000 for consumables	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A student receiving funding will normally be an undergraduate, following a course in endocrinology or a related life science subject. Host supervisors are required to be members of the Society for Endocrinology. Full Members must hold at least one year's membership; Early Career Members must hold at least six months' membership at the deadline for applications. 	Closes 17 March 2021	https://www.endocrinology.org/grants-and-awards/grants/summer-studentships/
Society for Reproduction and Fertility	£250 per week for up to 8 weeks £1000 for consumables	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 		http://srf-reproduction.org/grants-awards/grants/vacation-scholarships/
Wellcome Trust	Salary at the Real Living	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You can apply for a Biomedical Vacation Scholarship if you're 		https://wellcome.ac.uk/fundin

	Wage for 6 – 8 weeks	<p>studying for an undergraduate degree in a relevant subject and you want to find out more about research in the biomedical sciences.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• You're eligible to apply in the middle year(s) of your degree, when you have not yet undertaken a substantial period of research.		g/schemes/biomedical-vacation-scholarships
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