 

**EASTBIO Research Experience Placements - Summer 2020**

The BBSRC-funded Research Experience Placements (REPs) provide an excellent opportunity to second- and third-year undergraduate students to gain hands-on research experience in bioscience research. This year, the EASTBIO Doctoral Partnership will award **four *8-week* placements** across the four universities of the DTP2 partnership – Aberdeen, Dundee, Edinburgh and St Andrews.

Each REP awardee will receive a salary for a total of 8 weeks, plus c. £450 (per project) as a contribution towards research expenses during the placement.

For a decision of sponsoring a student for this scheme, students should approach a supervisor they are interested in working with and discuss with them their suitability for a project the supervisor may wish to submit for the scheme.

Research projects must:

* have a clearly defined objective;
* be within one of the following strategic areas: **Agriculture & Food Security, Bioscience for Health, Industrial Biotechnology & Bioenergy, World-Class Underpinning Bioscience**;
* be suitable for a student to sensibly complete within the timescale of the award;
* not be part of a normal degree course or be undertaken outside of the UK;
* provide scope for the student’s thought, initiative and development rather than using them as a general assistant.

Selected students must be:

* in the middle years of their first degree studies;
* registered for a basic science (including mathematics, machine learning and engineering) or veterinary degree at a UK university;
* expected to obtain a first or upper second class UK honours degree/ demonstrated academic excellence. 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.
* Eligible for a BBSRC studentship (full award or fees-only), should they apply (for eligibility, see the UKRI guidance, esp. Annex B at <https://www.ukri.org/files/funding/ukri-training-grant-terms-and-conditions-guidance-jun19-pdf/>).

**Please note**: The students applying under this scheme do *not* need to be from the same institution as the supervisor, but *REPs can only be undertaken at EASTBIO partner universities*.

Supervisors interested in hosting a REP are expected to:

* select a suitable undergraduate student;
* identify a suitable project that relates to one of the four strategic areas above;
* ensure that appropriate supervisory arrangements are in place for the student during the placement;
* ensure that any necessary ethical committee approvals, animal licences and requirements of regulatory authorities are in place before the work begins and are maintained during the placement;
* be responsible for the identification, protection and exploitation of any intellectual property rights arising from the work;
* ensure that all facilities, agreements about access and collaborations necessary for the work are obtained before the work begins and can be ensured through the period of the work.

*Please note:* The student and their supervisor are required to submit a brief report on the outcome of the REP to the BBSRC within *three* months of completion of the placement.

For any queries, email **enquiries@eastscotbiodtp.ac.uk****.**

**How to submit an application:**

If you are interested in supervising a REP during the 2020 summer vacation, please:

1. Complete the Application Form, below;
2. Attach:
	1. a copy of the student's current degree transcript, and
	2. an updated copy of the student’s CV
3. Email all documents to enquiries@eastscotbiodtp.ac.uk no later than *Tuesday the* *31st of March 2020*. Make sure that the email submission has both the supervisor and the student contact details.

**Application Form for Research Experience Placement**

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| **Supervisor** |
| **Name:** | Click here to enter text. |
| **Department/University:** | Click here to enter text. |
| **Email Address:** | Click here to enter text. |
| **Telephone Number:** | Click here to enter text. |
| **Project Details** |
| **Project Title:** | Click here to enter text. |
| **Strategic Area:** | Choose an item. |
| **Project Summary:****(max. 200 words)** | Click here to enter text. |
| **Expected Project Start Date:** | Click here to enter a date. |
| **Student** |
| **Name:** | Click here to enter text. |
| **Email Address:** | Click here to enter text. |
| **Department/University (*if different from supervisor’s*):** | Click here to enter text. |
| **Other schemes applied for:** |  |