

Summer Research Experience

There are several research programmes and schemes that enable STEM students to explore academic or industry research during their vacations. The below represent a selection of opportunities that usually operate annually, it is not exhaustive and some schemes may not run every year. Check eligibility and application requirements carefully.

For further sources of summer research experience, visit our webpage on Laboratory Experience (How to get the experience to be credible): [Sectors: Science - research | Careers Service \(cam.ac.uk\)](#) and browse the Vacation Work feedback from previous students: <https://cam.joinhandshake.co.uk/articles/107>

Programme or Scheme	Applications Open	Link All links and dates checked 22/11/2024
AkzoNobel Internships	Jan-March	Careers at AkzoNobel
Amgen Scholars	Nov- Feb 1st	https://amgenscholars.com/europe-programme/
AstraZeneca Summer Internships	Feb	https://careers.astrazeneca.com/early-careers-internships
Astron Summer Research Programme	TBC – 2024 was Dec-Feb 1st	https://www.astron.nl/education/summer-research-programme/
Babraham Institute Summer Research Placements	Contact group leaders directly to make bursary applications before February	https://www.babraham.ac.uk/vacancies-training/short-term-opportunities
CRUK Cambridge Institute Summer Research Internship	TBC - Early 2025	Undergraduate Summer Research Programme - Cancer Research UK Cambridge Institute
British Antarctic Survey Internships	TBC	https://www.bas.ac.uk/jobs/work-experience-opportunities/
British Ecological Society Summer School	Early Spring 2025	https://www.britishecologicalsociety.org/learning-and-resources/career-development/ugsummer-school/
British Psychological Society Assistantship Scheme	Early Jan – Mar 9th	Undergraduate Research Assistantship Scheme BPS
British Society for Developmental Biology Summer Studentships	Nov-Mar 31st	http://bsdb.org/awards/gurdon-studentships-for-summer-vacation-work/
California Institute of Technology	Nov-Feb 22nd	https://sfp.caltech.edu/undergraduate-research/programs/surf
Cambridge UROP projects – Engineering and Physical Sciences	Jan	http://to.eng.cam.ac.uk/teaching/urops/projects.html

Cambridge University Language Centre Pressland Fund	Dec 2nd-Feb 3rd	https://www.langcen.cam.ac.uk/bursaries/pressland.html
Cardiff University Gravitational Physics Group	Nov-Feb 1st	https://www.cardiff.ac.uk/physics-astronomy/research/summer-research-internships
CERN Openlab Programme	Nov-Jan 26th	https://openlab.cern/education
Cold Spring Harbour Research Programme	Nov-Jan 15th	http://www.cshl.edu/Education/Undergraduate-Research.html
Costello Medical Scientific Internship	Nov-tbc	https://www.costellomedical.com/careers/current-vacancies/scientific-internship/
Cancer Research UK Internship	Early 2025	https://www.cruk.cam.ac.uk/jobs-and-studentships/undergraduate-summer-research-programme
Defence Science & Technology Lab (DSTL)	TBC	https://www.civilservicejobs.service.gov.uk/ Search for DSTL in the 'organisation' box
Diamond Light Source Summer Placements	Suspended 2025 due to reopen 2026	https://www.diamond.ac.uk/Careers/Students/Summer-Placement.html
Ecole Polytechnique Federale de Lausanne (EPFL)	Nov-Jan 31st	https://www.unil.ch/eb-sur/home/menuinst/about-the-sur-programme.html
Experimental Psychology Society Research bursary scheme	Sep-Mar 1st	https://eps.ac.uk/undergraduate-research-bursary/
Francis Crick Institute Summer Programme	Mid Jan-Feb	https://www.crick.ac.uk/careers-study/students/summer-students
German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)	Oct-Nov 30th	https://www.daad.de/rise/en/
GSK –Summer Placements	TBC	https://uk.gsk.com/en-gb/careers/undergraduates/summer-placements/
Harvard University Stem Cell Institute	TBC	https://hsci.harvard.edu/research/hsci-internship-program-hip
Imperial College UROP	TBC	http://www.imperial.ac.uk/urop
Institute for Cancer Research Scholarship scheme	Mid Jan - Feb	https://www.icr.ac.uk/studying-and-training/undergraduate-vacation-scholarship-scheme
MRC Lab Molecular Biology	TBC	https://www2.mrc-lmb.cam.ac.uk/students/student-placement-scheme/
Institute of Science & Technology	Late Dec- Feb 5th	https://phd.pages.ist.ac.at/isternship/

Austrian ISTernship programme		
John Innes Centre Summer School	Oct- 16 Jan	https://www.jic.ac.uk/training-careers/work-experience/17-and-over/undergraduate-summer-school/
Merck Innovation Cup	Oct- 31 Jan	https://www.merckgroup.com/en/research/op-en-innovation/innovation-cup.html
Cambridge Uni Experience Postgrad Life Sciences	Nov-16 Jan	Experience Postgrad Life Sciences Enhancing diversity among life scientists of the future
MRC Laboratory of Molecular Biology	Late Nov/Dec-tbc	https://www2.mrc-lmb.cam.ac.uk/students/summer-studentships/
Quadram Institute	Contact speculatively	https://quadram.ac.uk/about/student-opportunities/
Queen's University Belfast summer research programme	TBC	https://www.qub.ac.uk/research-centres/cancer-research/Education/SummerResearchProgramme/
Roke Manor summer placements	Nov-Jan	https://www.roke.co.uk/careers/early-careers https://recruitment.roke.co.uk/Home/JobSearch "Summer Internship"
Science & Technology Facilities Council Summer Placements	Jan - tbc	https://stfccareers.co.uk/students/
Sellafield Summer Placements	Sep-Oct	https://careers.sellafieldsite.co.uk/graduates-placements/placements/about-summer-placements/
SENS Research Foundation Scholars Programme	Nov-10 Jan	https://www.sens.org/education-opportunities/
Shanghai Jiao Tong University	Jan-Apr	Shanghai Jiao Tong University International Summer Session (sjtuiss.org)
Stowers Institute for Medical Research	Nov-17 Jan	https://www.stowers.org/gradschool/summer-scholars
Institute for Cancer Research	Mid Jan-Feb	https://www.icr.ac.uk/studying-and-training/undergraduate-vacation-scholarship-scheme
Rockefeller University Research Fellowship Programme	Nov-1 Feb	https://www.rockefeller.edu/education-and-training/surf/
The Satellite Applications	Feb-Mar	https://sa.catapult.org.uk/work-with-us/space-placements-industry-spin/

Catapult – Space Placements		
UCL Child Health Research Studentship	TBC	https://www.ucl.ac.uk/child-health/study/funding-and-studentships/undergraduate-summer-studentships
University of Amsterdam ASPIRE	Dec-Feb	https://aspire.science.uva.nl/ MSc students only
University of Dundee Summer School	Dec- tbc	http://www.lifesci.dundee.ac.uk/studying/undergraduate-summer-opportunities
University of Manchester BBSRC Undergraduate Placements	Nov -Mar	https://www.bmh.manchester.ac.uk/study/research/projects-programmes-degrees/undergraduateplacements/
University of Nottingham Engineering Student Internships	TBC	https://www.nottingham.ac.uk/impetus/student-internships.aspx
University of Sheffield – Biomedical Sciences SURE Programme	TBC	https://www.sheffield.ac.uk/global/experiences-students/sure
University of York – YCCSA	Spring	https://ycede.ac.uk/research-internship-at-the-university-of-york/
Vienna Biocenter	Dec- 15 Jan	https://www.training.vbc.ac.at/summer-school/
Weizmann UK	TBC (in 2024 was March- 4 April)	https://www.weizmann.ac.il/feinberg/admissions/kupciner-getz-international-summer-school/about-program-0
Wellcome Trust Internships	TBC	https://wellcome.org/jobs/summer-internship-programme
Universitat Zurich Summer School	Jan-Feb	https://www.biologie.uzh.ch/de/Studium/UndergraduateSummerSchool.html
UKAEA Summer placements	Nov-Jan	https://ccfe.ukaea.uk/careers/early-careers/student-placements/