

Funding for Vacation Component of the DCAT SSC (as at 4 November 2022)

This list of external funding 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
Biochemical Society		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students take up the award during the summer vacation before their final year. Students carrying out a three year undergraduate course are eligible in their second year of study. Students carrying out four year course are eligible in their second or third years of study. 		https://www.biochemistry.org/grants-and-awards/grants-and-bursaries/summer-vacation-studentships/
BLF - Cystic Fibrosis Trust	<p>A stipend of £1,400 for living expenses. £100 for consumables (including poster printing costs). Expenses for attending the next in-person UK Cystic Fibrosis Conference (UKCFC)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The student must be named on the application form. Students are normally at a university within the UK, and must be either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A medical student between the end of their second year and the end of their penultimate year. A Basic Science student in the last two years of their degree. 	Spring 23	https://www.cysticfibrosis.org.uk/the-work-we-do/research/support-for-researchers/apply-for-funding/summer-studentships

<p>British Pharmacological Society</p>	<p>Winners will receive up to £1,850 for up to ten weeks to help cover living costs during a research project.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student's academic record and evidence of interest in research • Project quality and pharmacological relevance • Supervisor's track record and academic environment 		<p>https://www.bps.ac.uk/membership-awards/prizes,-awards-and-grants/our-prizes/vacation-studentships</p>
<p>British Society for Antimicrobial Chemotherapy</p>	<p>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 consumable grant of £500.</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. • 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. <i>Only one application can be submitted per department.</i> BSAC should be informed immediately if the department is unable to supply adequate facilities for the research to be conducted. 	<p>Review underway</p>	<p>http://www.bsac.org.uk/funding/vacation-scholarship/</p>
<p>British Society for Cell Biology</p>	<p>Awards comprise a student stipend of £300 per week for up to 8 weeks. Awards do not cover consumable costs.</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. Our aim is to encourage students to consider a post-graduate research career in cell biology after their undergraduate studies. 		<p>http://bscb.org/competitions-awardsgrants/studentships/</p>

<p>British Society for Developmental Biology</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We look for students with a strong academic record appropriate to the specific project type and clear career vision, who have taken the initiative to establish contacts with appropriate supervisors in the area of Developmental Biology. We expect this experience to enrich and complement their portfolio of expertise and to inspire them to pursue a career in research. 	<p>31 March</p>	<p>http://bsdb.org/awards/gudon-studentships-for-summer-vacation-work/</p>
<p>British Society for Neuroendocrinology</p>	<p>Max £2,440</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Undergraduate students or students immediately after graduation or prior to starting MSc or PhD studies are eligible 	<p>1 April</p>	<p>https://www.neuroendo.org.uk/page.php?item_name=Grants+Panel</p>
<p>Carnegie Trust</p>	<p>Stipend based on Scottish Living Wage, for 35 hours per week</p>	<p>You are eligible to apply for this Scholarship scheme if you: 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.)</p>		<p>https://www.carnegie-trust.org/award-schemes/vacation-scholarships/</p>
<p>Experimental Psychology Society</p>	<p>up to 10 weeks' support (£250 per week)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 		<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.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 	<p>'soon'</p>	<p>http://www.genetics.org.uk/grants/summer-studentships/</p>

<p>Medical Research Scotland</p>	<p>Up to 100 Undergraduate Vacation Scholarships are available each year for projects lasting six to eight weeks, each with a student stipend of £270 per week.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To be eligible, students must be matriculated on an undergraduate degree programme at a university within the UK or Republic of Ireland and must not have graduated by the time of completing their Vacation Scholarship. 	<p>Late autumn 2022</p>	<p>https://medicalresearchscotland.org.uk/undergraduate-vacation-scholarship/</p>
<p>Microbiology Society</p>	<p>Maximum award £2720</p>	<p>Applications will be judged on the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scientific merit of the work and feasibility of the research as an undergraduate project Educational value for the student Suitability of the student candidate to undertake the proposed work 	<p>20 February</p>	<p>https://microbiologysociety.org/grants/travel-research/harry-smith-vacation-studentships.html</p>
<p>Pathological Society</p>	<p>£200.00 per week for a maximum of eight weeks</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding to support research projects in pathology or gain experience in diagnostic departments during elective vacation periods. 	<p>27 February 2023 1 Jan to 31 Oct</p>	<p>Undergraduate Elective Bursary UB0223 The Pathological Society of Great Britain & Ireland (pathsoc.org) JSPS Summer Studentships 2022 The Pathological Society of Great Britain & Ireland (pathsoc.org)</p>
<p>The Physiological Society</p>	<p>Up to £2500 is available, with a maximum of</p>		<p>1 March 2023</p>	<p>https://www.physoc.org/grants-and-prizes/grants/research-</p>

	<p>£200 contribution towards attendance at The Society's Future Physiology conference, a maximum of £200 per week contribution towards living expenses, and a maximum of £700 contribution towards research consumables.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicants should be members of The Physiological Society. Applications are accepted from international students (outside the UK and Ireland). Supervisors should be members of The Physiological Society and can supervise only one student per year under the scheme. • Supervisors do not need to hold an academic post and can be on a fixed-term contract. However, where this is the case, an individual with a permanent academic post at that organisation should be named. 		<p>springboard-studentship/</p>
<p>The Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh is offering a number of bursaries to undergraduate students of medicine or dentistry to enable them to work for elective or vacation periods in universities, medical schools, NHS laboratories or research institutes in the United Kingdom. Proposals for work on research projects in any branch of surgery are eligible for consideration. 	<p>15 March 2023</p>	<p>https://www.rcsed.ac.uk/professional-support-development-resources/grants-jobs-and-placements/research-travel-and-award-opportunities/student-bursaries</p>
<p>Society for Endocrinology</p>	<p>£185 per week for up to 10 weeks plus up to £1,000 for consumables</p>	<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. 		<p>https://www.endocrinology.org/grants-and-awards/research-grants/summer-studentships/</p>
<p>Society for Reproduction and Fertility</p>	<p>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,</p>	<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. 		<p>http://srf-reproduction.org/grants-awards/grants/vacation-scholarships/</p>

	plus an award of £1,000 to be paid to the host laboratory to cover the cost of consumables for the project.			
Wellcome Trust	Salary at the Real Living Wage for 6 – 8 weeks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You can apply for a Biomedical Vacation Scholarship if you're studying for an undergraduate degree in a relevant subject and you want to find out more about research in the biomedical sciences. 		Biomedical Vacation Scholarships Grant Funding Wellcome