###### King’s Health Partners Summer Research Studentships 2019

**Introduction**

The King’s College London Faculty of Life Sciences and Medicine; Faculty of Dentistry, Oral and Craniofacial Sciences, and the NIHR Guy's and St Thomas' Biomedical Research Centre are pleased to launch the 2019 King's Health Partners Summer Research Studentships programme. There are 10 studentships available, provided by INSPIRE, and specifically for Medical or Dental undergraduate students.

The Studentships are mainly for wet laboratory projects involving the collection of primary experimental data, analysis and interpretation. It is an invaluable opportunity for experience at the bench in a busy research laboratory, and should be of interest to any student who wishes to develop their scientific career. If you are considering applying for a PhD programme in the future, we would strongly encourage you to apply for this Summer Studentship.

Interested students should either:

* Identify a suitable project from the catalogue, liaise with the supervisor and submit an application; or
* Use the project form to create their own project, find a suitable supervisor and submit the project form and application together.

**The application deadline is midnight Tuesday 14 May.**

**Aims and Objectives**

The studentships are awarded to the student, but in deciding the successful recipients of the awards, due consideration will be given to the nature of the research project and how well it fits the criteria of the award stated above and in the next paragraph, the contemporary research experience it provides, and the exposure to up-to-date laboratory methodology.

It is important to understand that the studentships will be awarded for wet lab projects involving the collection of primary experimental data, its analysis and interpretation, or for substantial bioinformatics projects. Pure library projects, clinical projects and others such as meta analysis will not be considered.

**B. Eligibility**

*Candidates must be:*

* a medical or dental student on the MBBS/BDS course in years 1-4

*Candidates should also have:*

* good academic results to date (above the 50th centile if you are taking the MBBS/BDS);
* a demonstrable interest and enthusiasm for research.

Candidates with no previous laboratory experience are particularly encouraged to apply, and will take precedence, other factors being equal. Only one application per student will be accepted.

**The Studentships**

Projects will be funded for a maximum of 8 weeks. Each studentship is worth £1,000. This can be used to fund either:

* an 8 week studentship at £125 per week (paid to the student);
* or a 6 week studentship at £125 per week (paid to the student) plus £250 towards laboratory expenses (paid to the supervisor)
* All awardees are required to submit a report on the work undertaken and how their experience has influenced their career plans
* The Schools also require awardees to be prepared to reflect on the benefits of the studentship experience one year on, primarily to ensure that the methodology used for awarding this funding is beneficial to a scientific or medical career.

**Note to Students**

* Please ensure that you read these notes carefully when making your application, and **especially bear in mind the assessment criteria and the marks awarded (details given below)**. Ensure that you provide **ALL** the information requested, marks are lost if not.
* For **first year students** who have not yet taken any formal examinations, the **results of tests and assessments achieved so far** should be given.

#### How to apply

All applications must be submitted using the accompanying application form to [BRCTraining@gstt.nhs.uk](mailto:BRCTraining@gstt.nhs.uk). Applications in alternative formats will not be considered.

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#### Assessment

Applications will be assessed and ranked by a small panel of academic staff to the following assessment criteria:

1. The student’s previous examination results (5 marks). *Please ensure full details of marks/grades received are given.*
2. The student’s supporting statement, giving reasons why the application is being made (10 marks).

**The Decision**

* Applicants will be notified of the outcome by **2 weeks after the application deadline**
* The decision of the panel is final **– there is no right of appeal against the decision and no feedback is given**