

Nuffield Research Placement Scheme 2020

The Nuffield Research Placement Scheme is aimed at the **current 5th year pupils** who will be sitting their Highers in 2020 and who are studying any Science, Technology, Engineering and/or Maths (STEM) and Social Science/Humanities subjects at that level. The placements help increase confidence and improve key skills including practical, communication, report-writing and presentation skills. Placements also provide students with excellent experiences & skills to include on CV's and personal statements. By working with professional scientists and engineers in a real-life environment, the students gain an invaluable insight into a wide variety of careers. This is a wonderful opportunity for your students and we hope you will promote the scheme to them.

Further details of this scheme and eligibility criteria can be found on the website below.

<https://www.nuffieldresearchplacements.org/>

Summary of the process:

- Students apply by completing an online application which can be accessed on the Nuffield Research Placement webpage at <https://www.nuffieldresearchplacements.org/>
- Students insert an email address of the teacher that will provide them with a reference. The system automatically initiates an email to that teacher to allow them to add reference.
- After the closing date, (February 25th 2020) applications will be scored, matched to placement projects available/suitable (where possible) and the appropriate applications will be forwarded to various supervisors for their consideration.
- If successful matched and accepted to a project by the supervisor, the student is then offered the project.
- Placements normally take place at the end of June, July or early August. The student will normally be working Mon-Fri (9am-5pm) for 4, 5 or 6 weeks. Students should therefore be made aware that is quite a big commitment.
- **All students will receive reasonable travel costs to and from their placement. Students who are eligible for bursary will receive an additional £100 per week of placement.**
- Successful students are required to submit a report at the end of their placement and are invited to display their work in poster format at a celebration event (usually in Edinburgh), taking place at the end of August / early September.

PLEASE note - there are a limited number of placements available and as such an application does NOT guarantee a Nuffield placement.