



Nuffield
Research
Placements

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Spend your summer developing your research and quantitative skills on a short project that will enhance your university application and future employment opportunities.

Am I eligible?

16+

Are you over 16 and in full-time education in a maintained school or further education college in the UK?



Have you ever been eligible for free school meals or are you the first in your family to apply to study at university?

If this sounds like you, then a Nuffield Research Placement could be the perfect way to spend your summer.





Do you have at least five GCSEs or Scottish Nationals at Level 6/Level B or above, including mathematics, a science subject, and English or another humanities subject?



Do you want to apply your scientific and data knowledge skills to a real-world research project?



Are you studying one or more A levels or Scottish Highers (or equivalent) in a science subject, technology, engineering, economics, geography, psychology or maths?

What you need to know

Nuffield Research Placements are supervised but independent research projects relating to an area of science, quantitative social science, computing, technology, engineering or maths (or a combination of these).

They take place over the summer after Year 12 or S5 and involve both online activities and two-weeks on-site research*. Placements take place at a variety of locations including offices, museums, research centres, laboratories or fieldwork settings across the UK.

Your on-site placement activity will not cost you or your parents/carers anything. We reimburse travel costs for all students, and depending on your family circumstances, you may also be eligible to receive a bursary.

“It was a truly life-changing experience. It opened my eyes to the different opportunities out there and gave me motivation to work hard in my studies.”

Ilana Foreman completed her project at the University of Cambridge.

***Due to the impact of COVID-19 and Government guidance, on-site activities may not be able to go ahead and will also be subject to the limitations of the placement host organisation. In the event that on-site research is not possible, this activity will go ahead online instead.**

What this means for you

These real-life research projects provide you with the opportunity to:

Apply and develop skills and knowledge you've learned at school or college

Work alongside expert researchers and industry professionals to make a meaningful contribution towards their work

"After doing the research and writing my report, I decided to apply to The Big Bang Competition. Making the finals a few months later was a pleasant surprise!"

Sayed Ahmed went on to become a London International Youth Science Forum Special Award Winner at the Big Bang Competition Finals in 2019.



Learn more about higher education and different career paths

Produce a project report which you can enter for a Gold CREST Award and/or the Big Bang Competition

Enhance your UCAS personal statement and applications to university



What do I do now?



1

Check your eligibility on our website: www.stem.org.uk/nuffield-research-placements

Not all students are eligible to apply so please check before you start an application.

2

Make sure you are able to set aside a few consecutive weeks over July and/or August to collaborate with your Project Supervisor.

3

Talk to your teacher to let them know you are interested in applying and ask if they can write a reference for you.

4

Get in touch with your Nuffield Regional Coordinator as they can talk you through the application process and the sort of project you might want to do. Details can be found on our website: stem.org.uk/nuffield-research-placements

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Register, complete and submit the online application form at stem.org.uk/nuffield-research-placements





About STEM Learning



Our vision – a world-leading STEM education for all young people across the UK.

No 1 for STEM Education in the UK

100%

We reach

100% of UK secondary schools, post-16 and FE colleges, and 75% of primary schools work with us

2 million

We inspire

2 million young people benefit from 20,000 teachers taking part in our expertly led, professional learning programmes each year

90%

We impact

90% of young people increase their engagement in STEM after working with STEM Ambassadors

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