

DIABETES AND METABOLISM SUMMER STUDENTSHIP APPLICATION AND PROJECT GUIDANCE



- The purpose of the studentship is to support supervisors in hosting undergraduate medical and biomedical science students in undertaking work relevant to the NIHR Oxford BRC Diabetes and Metabolism Theme during a 6-10 week summer research placement.
- The studentship will enable students to gain valuable hands-on experience in an active and supportive research environment.
- Grants are available in the summer, awarded to eligible student applicants.
- The studentship is offered for a period of study of up to ten weeks, and includes a sum for consumables purchased through the host department. If the period of study is less than 10 weeks, payment will be pro-rata by the number of weeks.
- A stipend of £200/week up to a maximum of £2000 per grant for a period of up to 10 weeks plus up to £1000 for consumables (pro-rata if the period of study is less than 10 weeks).
- Students will be an undergraduate following a course in medicine, biomedical science or a related life sciences subject. The award should normally be taken up during the summer vacation before the student's final year. Applicants in their final year will be asked to fully explain how they would benefit from this award to brc@ocdem.ox.ac.uk.
- Priority will be given to those currently undertaking a Final Honours School (FHS) project within the Oxford BRC Diabetes and Metabolism Theme.
- Grants cannot be awarded retrospectively and resubmissions are not accepted.
- Host supervisors are required to be members of the NIHR Oxford BRC Diabetes and Metabolism Theme working in a university or research institute.
- The research project is required to be directly relevant to the aims and objectives of the NIHR Oxford BRC Diabetes and Metabolism Theme (please visit <https://oxfordbrc.nihr.ac.uk/research-themes-overview/diabetes-and-metabolism/> for further information). Preference will be given to research projects with a clearly defined objective, achievable in the time available, and which give the student scope for thought and initiative.
- The application is made by the student who should check with their intended supervisor before applying.
- The application form can be found here: <https://oxfordbrc.nihr.ac.uk/research-themes-overview/diabetes-and-metabolism/summer-studentship-scheme/>
- All sections of the application form must be completed - incomplete applications will not be considered.
- Please attach a copy of your CV (maximum two pages).
- Please submit all parts of the signed application form, together with the student's CV, by email to Sinead Wright at brc@ocdem.ox.ac.uk.

- Applications should be made electronically.
 - Applications will be assessed by members of the NIHR Oxford BRC Diabetes and Metabolism Theme management committee, which will take advice where necessary from expert referees. Assessment will be made on both the scientific merit of the research and on the suitability of the student.
 - The decision of the committee members is final.
 - Funds awarded are final and do not include overheads/indirect costs.
 - We regret that in the event of your application being unsuccessful we are not able to provide feedback.
 - Grants are not transferrable either between students or host supervisors.
 - Consumable funds must be spent by 31/07/2022 (this is due to the end date of the of the current overarching BRC project).
 - Funds are awarded on the understanding that they are used for the purpose stated in the application form. If support is obtained elsewhere or any part of the grant is unused, the balance will be refunded to the Oxford BRC Diabetes and Metabolism Theme.
 - Students are required to submit a report, no more than 3 months after completion of the studentship, detailing the progress of the project. A report template can be found here: <https://oxfordbrc.nihr.ac.uk/research-themes-overview/diabetes-and-metabolism/summer-studentship-scheme/>
 - In order to evaluate your application, the data that you submit via this form will be shared with the management committee, relevant Oxford BRC members and staff working for the Oxford BRC. We will store your data securely and only authorised personnel will be able to access it.
 - If your application is unsuccessful we will delete your personal data from our systems two years from the deadline for this grant. If your application is successful, we will hold your application data for seven years after the end date of the project in order to administer the grant and subsequent impact reporting.
 - Projects selected for funding will be advertised on the Oxford BRC Diabetes and Metabolism webpage and social media accounts.
 - For further information please contact the BRC Coordinator for the Diabetes and Metabolism Theme, Sinead Wright, on Microsoft Teams or by email: brc@ocdem.ox.ac.uk.
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