

ENGINEERING AND PHYSICAL SCIENCES RESEARCH COUNCIL (EPSRC) VACATION BURSARY SCHEME 2012

The criteria set out for the Undergraduate Research Internship Programme (URIP) will also apply to these bursaries, with the following additions:

1. Selection criteria

Emphasis will be on employing the most able students, but the expectation is that universities will use the funds available to engage students in research that:

- Falls within the identified 'Roberts shortage areas' of Statistics and Operational Research, ICT, Engineering or Materials;
- Is being carried out by internationally leading groups e.g. groups that hold EPSRC portfolio partnership or IRC grants;
- Has strong industrial links.

2. Eligibility of the student

The selected students should be registered for a first degree in a subject that falls within the remit of EPSRC. Students should fulfil the eligibility requirements of EPSRC's Doctoral Training Grants (DTG) by the end of their undergraduate degree. For details of eligibility requirements see: <http://www.epsrc.ac.uk/funding/students/pages/eligibility.aspx>
Note that, as for the URIP scheme, students who will have graduated by the summer of 2012 are not eligible for these awards.

3. Research Project

The proposed research project should be within the remit of the EPSRC. For further information on EPSRC remit:
<http://www.epsrc.ac.uk/funding/apprev/basics/Pages/remit.aspx>

4. Funding

Ten EPSRC summer studentships are available in 2012. The student receives a stipend of £220 per week for up to 10 weeks, and a single payment of £300 will be provided to the supervisor towards the costs of running the project. Students are expected to work full time on their project and they should not carry out any other paid work or hold any other scholarships for the duration of the programme.

5. How to apply

The process is the same as for URIP except that supervisors must include the following information in their statement of support:

- Confirmation that the student is eligible for an EPSRC award as explained at: <http://www.epsrc.ac.uk/funding/students/pages/eligibility.aspx>

- An explanation of how the project fits into the remit of EPSRC

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