Internships for London NERC DTP Students

The London NERC DTP periodically has funding available to cover the costs of 3-month internships with a non-academic organisation, working on a project that is independent from their PhD research. These internships are intended to give students experience of working outside academia, help them build their networks and gain skills that will help them in their future career.

Internships can also be arranged by the student direct with a host – subject to the below rules

All DTP funded internships include a stipend (paid at the usual PhD rate) - other internships should also pay the student.

Students are expected to make arrangements with their host to ensure that any travel or out-of-town accommodation required in relation to the internship are covered either by the student or host expenses.

**Internship Rules**

- Internships are for 3-months and must not cross academic years.
- The internship involves a pause to your PhD and a 3-month extension to your submission deadline. Paperwork processing for your interruption must begin at least 1 month prior to the internship start date.
- DTP students cannot undertake an internship in their first year or final 6-months of their studentship.
- DTP students can only undertake one internship during the course of their PhD that was funded by the London NERC DTP directly (although students may undertake a second internship funded externally, in this circumstance there should be a minimum of 12 months between each internship).
- An internship cannot be directly related to your research.
- Externally-funded internships must include funding for a 3-month stipend for the student, at least to the level of their normal stipend and provision for any travel, subsistence or consumables costs during the project. **The DTP is unable to provide additional funding to support these internships and RTSG funds can’t be used either to support internships.**
- CASE students are not permitted to undertake an internship with their CASE partner organisation.
- Students cannot undertake an internship with a DTP partner institution.
- All internships need to be approved by the DTP

Before agreeing to any placement, you should first seek your supervisor’s approval and then contact the DTP office and if approved they will advise on the next steps.

**Post-Doc Internships**

Sometimes our funding for internships also includes the option of a 1-month post-doctoral internship. When these are available they will be open to students who have completed their PhD within the last 6 months and will be paid at the standard post-doc rate.

**How to Apply for an Internship**
Available internships will be advertised on the London NERC DTP website and shared in the weekly newsletter. Please read the specific details of the funding call and eligibility requirements, as these may differ between calls. To apply for an internship, simply complete the linked application form on the website. In general, internships will be offered within two categories: pre-designed projects suggested by our associate partners, or open internships for students to design their own project.

**Associate Partner Projects**
Full details of each associate partner internship will be included in the advert, including a proposed start date, location and details of the work to be completed. If you would like to discuss the project with the associate partner before applying, please contact the DTP office and they can put you in touch with the appropriate person.

**Student-Led Projects**
Certain internship calls also allow students to propose their own projects. In this case, students will be expected to make contact with an eligible non-academic organisation, identify a suitable supervisor and write a description of the 3-month project. You must get permission from your University supervisor before you apply.