Internships and work-type placements for London NERC DTP Students

The London NERC DTP permits PhD students to undertake 3-month internships / work-type placements 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.

Currently the DTP does not have any funding to support internships, however internships can also be arranged by the student direct with a host who is willing to fund their placement. The DTP can assist with this, so please do get in touch with the DTP office directly if you are interested in setting up an internship (londonnercdtp.admin@ucl.ac.uk). All internships / work type placements are subject to the below rules.

**Internship Rules**

- Internships should be 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.
- 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 usually undertake an internship with a DTP partner institution.
- All internships need to be approved by the DTP.

*This excludes the UKRI policy internships where your studentship will be extended and thus is permitted to cross academic years.

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.

**How to find an internship**

Any internships available 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.

As mentioned above, if you wish to arrange an internship directly with a host, please contact the DTP office (londonnercdtp.admin@ucl.ac.uk).