

Cellular and Molecular Medicine

Work Experience hand-out

This is not an exhaustive list. Just a few ideas to get you started!

General Work Experience Websites

- **National Council for Work Experience** (www.work-experience.org)
- **Do It!** (www.do-it.org.uk) Excellent volunteering website which allows you to choose the sector you are interested in, enter your town and postcode and search for volunteering vacancies.
- **The National Work Experience Bank** (www.prospects.ac.uk/links/Wexpbank)

Research and Lab Placements:

- **Defence Science and Technology Laboratory** (www.dstl.gov.uk) - the centre of scientific excellence for the Ministry of Defence offer a summer vacation scheme as well as industrial placements. See the website for details.
- **Health Protection Agency** – the diagnostic service for hospitals. See their list of laboratories local to you at (www.hpa.org.uk)
- Occasional Internships and vacation placements are available with **major pharmaceutical companies** eg. Pfizer, Astra-Zeneca, GSK, Wyeth or their outsourcing companies such as **Innovex**. These are usually only open to penultimate year students but check their websites for opportunities.
- **Wellcome Trust Sanger Institute**, Cambridge - genome research (www.sanger.ac.uk)
- **Science and Technology Facilities Council** (www.stfc.ac.uk). Lab vacation work opportunities in Oxfordshire and Cheshire.
- **Institute of Biomedical Science** has a list of all Hospital Laboratories. (www.ibms.org)
- **Food Standards Agency** (www.food.gov.uk/science/)

Voluntary Work and Work Experience in Bristol:

- Check **Careers Service website** for general information on local employers (www.bristol.ac.uk/careers)
- **@Bristol** may have opportunities through the year for volunteering in science and education based roles.

- Investigate opportunities in other **Public Sector** organizations in Bristol, e.g. the NHS, bio-techs, museums, scientific media (TV, journals, etc). These often involve a proactive approach and speculative application.
- See **Grad SouthWest** for info and lists of businesses in the South West. This website has sections on vacation and voluntary work in the SW as well as a section on opportunities in local BioTechnology firms. (www.gradsouthwest.com)

Work Experience Schemes

- The **STEP** programme (www.step.org.uk) offers the chance to get involved in project work that will help small/medium-sized employers organisations to develop. There are over 1400 paid projects over the summer vacation open to students of any subject (many are science and IT related).
- **IAESTE** (www.iaeste.org.uk) offer paid course-related work placements abroad for students in science, engineering, and technology. **This is not for 1st years – 2nd year onwards only but worth keeping in mind for next year.**

Work Experience Abroad – a selection of opportunitites

Raleigh

www.raleighinternational.org

AIESEC

www.aiesec.co.uk

Madventurer

www.madventurer.com

BUNAC

www.bunac.org

Council on International Education Exchange

www.ciee.org

Cross-Cultural Solutions

www.crossculturalsolutions.org

i-to-i (TEFL)

www.i-to-i.com

For more information see Careers Service website

<http://www.bris.ac.uk/careers/workexp/>