

# Research Placements & Experiences

## Placement Types Explained

	Nuffield <i>Research</i> Placement	<b>NEW</b> Nuffield <i>Experience</i> Placement
<b>Overview</b>	Collaboration with a STEM-related knowledge expert on a live research question or area of development.	Exploration with industry experts to identify the STEM and essential skills needed for employment in STEM sectors.
<b>Aim</b>	Develop young people's STEM skills through focused research activities. Provide them with a valuable insight into working in professional environments. Ensure their outputs provide a meaningful contribution to host organisation's current work.	Increase young people's career-related knowledge through a range of careers-focused activities. Develop their skills for sustainable employment within STEM sectors. Provide a valuable insight into working in professional environments.
<b>Length</b>	2 weeks	5 days
<b>Support</b>	All students will be supported with their travel expenses and the majority will also be eligible to receive bursary funding to help with any additional costs.	
<b>Outputs</b>	Scientific or technical report & poster	Workbook & reflective report
<b>What is required</b>	<b>Young people</b> should be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enthusiastic and curious.</li> <li>• Ready to challenge and stretch themselves.</li> <li>• Committed to travelling to their host organisation for at least 5 days.</li> <li>• Excited to develop new skills &amp; increase their understanding of different careers.</li> </ul>	
	<b>Placement providers</b> will need to be ready with a research topic/question related to their field and offer supervision that bridges the gap between school/college and Higher Education or employment.	<b>Placement providers</b> will need to be ready to provide an opportunity to explore, investigate and experience the skills & knowledge needed to be successful in their sector, encouraging and supporting a reflective learning process.
<b>Reasons for taking part</b>	For <b>young people</b> , participation means: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ A meaningful and rewarding experience that will challenge and develop their critical thinking, planning, time management and communication skills.</li> <li>✓ Valuable opportunities to work with sector experts and a chance to find out more about different career pathways.</li> <li>✓ Increased confidence when working in novel, professional environments and situations.</li> <li>✓ Unique examples to use in Higher Education and employment applications.</li> <li>✓ Identification of the skills needed to gain sustainable employment within a STEM sector.</li> </ul>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Insights into STEM industries and the diverse opportunities that are available.</li></ul>
	<p>For <b>placement providers</b>, participation means:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Supporting and inspiring the next generation and future STEM workforce.</li><li>✓ Receiving invaluable assistance and fresh insights into current working practices.</li><li>✓ Key opportunities for professional development of staff.</li><li>✓ Fulfilling public engagement, widening participation &amp; CSR goals.</li><li>✓ Enhancing institutional reputation by working with motivated students.</li></ul>

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