



## **Royal Microscopical Society Summer Studentships** **Terms and Conditions**

- Up to six Summer Studentships of up to £2000 are offered per year, split evenly between physical sciences, biological sciences and interdisciplinary projects.
- Awards comprise a student stipend of £1500 towards living expenses and up to £500 towards experimental and laboratory consumable expenses for a 'wet' project. A breakdown of the consumable costs involved is required.
- In the event that a project is unable to take place in the laboratory as planned, applicants may be given the opportunity to switch to a 'dry' project. Under these circumstances £500 would not usually be paid to the laboratory towards consumable costs. If consumable costs are required to enable the 'dry' project to go ahead the RMS is able to provide up to £100 and will request a written justification and a breakdown of the costs involved. The RMS will require copies of receipts after the consumables have been purchased.
- Applications should be submitted by a suitable host academic on behalf of a student.
- The person making the application must be a Member or Fellow of the Royal Microscopical Society.
- The applicant is responsible for notifying the Royal Microscopical Society if any significant changes should occur either before or after submitting the application.
- The project must include a significant microscopy component.
- Summer Studentships will be awarded to students at the end of their second year of study for a three year degree or at the end of their second or third years for a four year degree. Master's students are not eligible.
- Applications will be reviewed and selected by the Executive Honorary Secretary and the Honorary Secretary (Education).
- The award will be paid directly to the host institution's bank account, for them to allocate the £1500 stipend to the student and any consumable costs involved up to a maximum of £500 for 'wet' projects and £100 for 'dry' projects.
- The titles of funded projects, together with the names and institutions of the students and supervisors will be posted on the RMS website.

- The Studentship is offered on the agreement that a 500 word project report is completed by the student by the end of the period of study and submitted to the RMS. The report layout should follow the RMS Project Report Guidelines and should be submitted within one month of completing the project.
- The report may be published in our **infocus** magazine and/or on our website.
- Students may be asked to do a two to five minute recording briefly talking about their experience for the RMS YouTube Channel.
- Applications may not be accepted for two consecutive years from successful host academics.