

# Summer 2008 Vacation Scholarship Awards

## **BSAS/Genesis Faraday Vacation Scholarship Awards to research organizations**

The Genesis Faraday Partnership and BSAS are pleased to announce a call for 2008 BSAS/Genesis Faraday Vacation Scholarship Awards as a means to encourage undergraduates into research in the field of animal genetics and genomics. **A competition for four Summer 2008 Vacation Scholarship Awards is now open.**

### **Purpose**

The Vacation Scholarships are intended to provide promising undergraduates with 'hands-on' experience of research during the summer vacation and to encourage them to consider a career in research.

### **What does the student get?**

Scholarships are available for a minimum of six and a maximum of eight weeks' work and carry a stipend of **£200 per week**. The scheme aims to provide practical work experience in an environment that will match the student's area of study or interests. Long term it will help career prospects for young people.

### **Who can apply?**

Research Institutes and Universities that are paid up members of Genesis Faraday Partnership<sup>[1]</sup> can apply to host a Vacation Scholarship. The project must be in the field of genetics and genomics of all domestic animals in relation to animal breeding and animal health. The host institution will receive a grant of £2,500 (including any applicable VAT) from BSAS (to cover student salary (approx £1600) and project costs (approx £900)). Organisations allocated an award will be responsible for recruiting the student including any costs of advertising. It is not necessary to have identified a student at the time of application, but if a student has indicated an interest, then details of the student may be provided at the time of application.

### **The Allocation Process**

In a process scrutinized by the Genesis Faraday Research and Development Committee (RDC), a group comprising the Genesis Faraday Director, Technology Translators, the Chief Executive of BSAS and the Chairman of the RDC will decide allocation of the Vacation Scholarship Awards. Proposals will be assessed according to the following criteria:

- Relevance to the Genesis Faraday remit; *Genetics and Genomics of all domestic animals as applied to Animal Breeding and Animal Health.*
- Research Partner's track record
- The likely value of the training opportunity for the student
- Quality of the project proposed

## **Application Procedure**

Supervisors from Institutions should complete the **employer application form** which can be obtained from Carol Didcock on 0131 5274358 or [carol.didcock@genesis-faraday.org](mailto:carol.didcock@genesis-faraday.org) or the BSAS website <http://www.bsas.org.uk/>

Applications will be considered until all four awards have been allocated, initially only one vacation scholarship will be allocated per research organisation unless the scholarships are undersubscribed.

## **Timescale**

Applications should be received by April 11<sup>th</sup> 2008 and applicants will be notified of the outcome of applications by April 25<sup>th</sup> 2008.

The completed Genesis Faraday Application Form should be e-mailed to [carol.didcock@genesis-faraday.org](mailto:carol.didcock@genesis-faraday.org). Only Application Forms received by **Midnight** April 11<sup>th</sup> 2008 will be considered.

Whilst Genesis Faraday will monitor the outcome of interviews for Vacation Scholarships, the terms and conditions of employment agreed will be the sole responsibility of research organisations and students.

Host organisations in receipt of an award should invoice the agreed sum to BSAS after recruitment of a named student and no later than the end of October 2008.

On completion of the placement Genesis Faraday requires an half to one page report written by the student, together with a photograph for potential use in the Genesis Faraday newsletter or by BSAS in relevant publications.

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[\[1\]](http://www.genesis-faraday.org/become-a-member.asp) Membership of the Genesis Faraday Partnership is open to companies, research organisations and intermediate organisations having a legitimate research or business interest directly related to animal breeding or animal health or the sale of animal products. For further details and an application form, visit <http://www.genesis-faraday.org/become-a-member.asp>