

## Summer 2011 Vacation Scholarship Awards

### **BSAS/Biosciences KTN Vacation Scholarship Awards to Research Organisations**

The Biosciences Knowledge Transfer Network (KTN) and British Society of Animal Science (BSAS) are pleased to announce a call for 2011 BSAS/Biosciences KTN Vacation Scholarship Awards as a means to encourage undergraduates into research in the field of animal biosciences. **A competition for four Summer 2011 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.

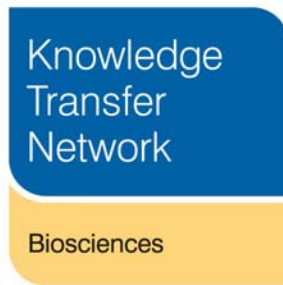
### **Who can apply?**

Research Institutes and Universities that are paid up members of the Animal Sector Group of the Biosciences KTN<sup>i</sup> can apply to host a Vacation Scholarship. The project must be in the field of animal biosciences. 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**

A group comprising the Biosciences KTN Director and Animal Sector staff, the Chief Executive of BSAS and the Chairman of the Animal Sector Group will decide allocation of the Vacation Scholarship Awards. Proposals will be assessed according to the following criteria:

- Relevance to the Biosciences KTN Animal sector remit of Animal Bioscience<sup>ii</sup>
- 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 the Fee Paying Animal Sector Members Group on the Biosciences KTN website (\_connect). Please note that you need to request membership of this group: <https://ktn.innovateuk.org/web/fee-paying-animal-sector-members>

The application form can also be obtained from 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**

The completed Employer Application Form should be e-mailed to [enquiries@biosciencesktn.innovateuk.org](mailto:enquiries@biosciencesktn.innovateuk.org) Only Application Forms received by **Midnight April 22<sup>nd</sup> 2011** will be considered. Applicants will be notified of the outcome of applications by May 16<sup>th</sup> 2011.

Whilst Biosciences KTN 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 2011.

On completion of the placement, the host organisation in receipt of this award must ensure that the student recruited provides a half to one page report, together with a photograph for potential use by the Biosciences KTN or BSAS in relevant publications.

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<sup>i</sup> Membership of the Animal Sector Group of the Biosciences KTN 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 derived from UK agriculture. For further details and an application form, visit <https://ktn.innovateuk.org/web/fee-paying-animal-sector-members> or email us at [enquiries@biosciencesktn.innovateuk.org](mailto:enquiries@biosciencesktn.innovateuk.org). A full list of the current members can also be found on the website.

<sup>ii</sup> Animal Bioscience can include: Animal breeding (Farm animals, Aquaculture, Domestic pets and horses, Honey bees and game species); Animal health (Therapeutics, Vaccines, Bioactives, Biomarkers); Diagnostics (Pathogen detection, Selectable DNA markers, Traceability and authenticity, Measurement technology); Biotechnologies (Reproductive technologies, In vitro cell technologies, Research models, Biotechnologies in animal feed).