

EMpower

Environmental Masters Programme Of Work Experience through Research

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Guidelines for Students Applying for Funded Project Placements

1. Students may apply for one project.
 2. Applications are welcomed from students enrolled on Environmental, Earth Science, Chemistry, Physics and other Science masters courses which have a project dissertation component of greater than three months duration and which will run between April and September 2010.
 3. Applicants must be registered for **FULL TIME** education.
 4. Some projects will be necessarily restricted to UK nationals for security reasons while others will be open to all nationalities.
 5. Selected students will be invited to attend an interview with the host company/organisation and may claim reimbursement of travelling expenses from their university to the interview.
 6. The value of the bursary awarded will be £3000. The bursary will be paid in two parts. £1500 will be paid at the start of the project. The second instalment of £1500 will be paid following submission of final report or thesis (as agreed with host company) and presentation of the research at the Student Presentation Day held in September each year.
 7. Projects will last for between 3 and 5 months depending on the requirement of a particular course.
 8. Projects may vary in the amount of time a student will be expected to spend on site with the host company. This will be discussed at the interview and may be from 1 week to the duration of the project. Students may claim the cost of one return journey to the host company. Additional expenses will not be available for students who need to find accommodation during the project placement, although companies have agreed to help students find a suitable place to stay if required.
 9. During the period spent on site with the host company, students will be expected to work hours agreed at the start of the project. These will normally be the same as those of a full time employee in that organisation unless otherwise agreed. Leave of absence for a holiday for example, will be granted at the discretion of the host.
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