

Wellcome Trust Biomedical Vacation Scholarship 2025

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Wellcome Trust Biomedical Vacation Scholarship Application 2024

Through funding from the Wellcome Trust, the University of Glasgow is offering Biomedical Vacation Scholarships for undergraduate students over the summer of 2023. This scheme provides an exciting opportunity for students to contribute to cutting edge research at University of Glasgow, acquire specific scientific skills, and consider future career paths beyond their first degree.

GUIDANCE

All candidates must complete this form online as well as the accompanying Equal Opportunities Form. A copy of the form can be downloaded for guidance for candidates to be able to prepare, but all applications must be submitted online here. Please note that all projects must be planned with a UofG supervisor and the supervisor must sign off on the project before application. If you require any assistance finding a possible supervisor, please contact wellcome-ib@glasgow.ac.uk with the concept of your project. Closing date for applications is Friday 17th January 2025. Applications will be reviewed with outcomes being advised by mid-February 2025. Suggested start date is 2nd June 2025, however flexibility can be applied if agreed with the supervisor.

Privacy Notice

Your Personal Data (To be retained by data subject)

The University of Glasgow will be what's known as the 'Data Controller' of your personal data processed in relation to the College of Medical, Veterinary and Life Sciences partnership with the Wellcome Trust for the purpose of the Biomedical Vacation Scholarship application process. This Privacy Notice will explain how the University will process your personal data.

Why we need it

We are collecting your basic personal data such as name, email address/contact details, institute attended, gender, age, and socio-economic diversity and, where relevant, limited special categories data such as, race, disability and ethnicity. This is in order to ensure that the University of Glasgow is adhering to the widening access reporting activity of the Wellcome Trust Vacation Scholarships. We will only collect data that we need in order to provide and oversee this service to you.

Legal basis for processing your data

We must have a legal basis for processing all personal data. In this instance, the legal basis is contractual obligation for personal data and 'explicit consent' for special category data.

What we do with it and who we share it with

All the personal data you submit is processed by staff at the University of Glasgow in the United Kingdom. In addition, Statistical information will be provided to the Wellcome Trust for those allocated a place on the Wellcome Biomedical Vacation Scholarships. This will include demographic information: institution attended for undergraduate degree, gender, age, race, disability and ethnicity, and socio-economic diversity information. Details of projects undertaken will also be shared with the Wellcome Trust and scholarship-recipients asked to complete a survey.

How long do we keep it for

Your data will be retained by the University for up to 5 years, in accordance with the Wellcome Trust Biomedical Vacation Scholarship programme. At this time, data will be securely deleted.

What are your rights?

You can request access to the information we process about you at any time. If at any point you believe that the information we process relating to you is incorrect, you can request to see this information and may in some instances request to have it restricted, Student Details corrected or, erased. You may also have the right to object to the processing of data and the right to data portability. As we are using 'Consent' as the legal basis to process your personal data, you also have the right to withdraw your consent at any time. If you wish to exercise any of these rights, please contact dp@glg.ac.uk.

Complaints

If you wish to raise a complaint on how we have handled your personal data, you can contact the University Data Protection Officer who will investigate the matter. Our Data Protection Officer can be contacted at dataprotectionofficer@glasgow.ac.uk.

If you are not satisfied with our response or believe we are not processing your personal data in accordance with the law, you can complain to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) <https://ico.org.uk/>.

Further information

If you are unsure about anything within the Privacy Notice, then please contact the University's Data Protection Officer at dataprotectionofficer@glasgow.ac.uk

For further information on data protection, please see the University's webpages and the Information Commissioner's Office website - <https://ico.org.uk/>

Eligibility

Students eligible to apply for this opportunity must:

1. Be studying an undergraduate degree in (please tick which applies) *

- Sciences
- Maths
- Engineering
- Medicine

2. Please confirm you are **NOT** in the first or last year of study *

- I confirm

3. Students are **INELIGIBLE** if they:

- have previously undertaken a vacation scholarship from Wellcome or another funding body, or have had any significant research experience, such as a supervised research project lasting more than 6 weeks,
- have completed or are currently undertaking a one-year placement in research as part of their intercalated degree (eg, a Sandwich Year), as they would have had the opportunity to undertake research before the scholarship period
- are a graduate-entry medical student or anyone else who has completed a previous undergraduate degree in a science-related subject, as they would have had an opportunity to apply during their first undergraduate degree,
- are a student enrolled on a course outside the UK or the Republic of Ireland.

Please confirm below that you understand and fulfill the eligibility criteria *

- I confirm that I understand and fulfill the eligibility criteria

4. Students may apply for funding provided that they are **NOT** already in receipt of another scholarship supporting the same work.

Please tick below that you understand and fulfill the eligibility criteria *

- tick that you understand and fulfill the eligibility criteria

5. The University and Wellcome Trust are keen to recruit students from backgrounds under-represented in science therefore, in line with University policy and Wellcome Trust guidelines, 50% of positions are ring-fenced for individuals who meet at least one of the following widening-participation criteria.

Please tick all that apply to you.

- Identify as having a disability and is registered with home University's disability support or equivalent.
- Are in receipt of enhanced maintenance support from relevant UK student finance agency to help with living costs during study,
- Registered with the University's widening participation team,
- Meet criteria for an ethnic minority based on UK government criteria: <https://www.ethnicity-facts-figures.services.gov.uk/style-guide/writing-about-ethnicity>.
- Study at a non-Russell Group University: <https://russellgroup.ac.uk/about/our-universities/>

Student Section (this section must be completed by students applying for the project)

Projects can be for a minimum of 4 weeks and a maximum of 8 weeks. Students will be paid approximately £3,322 (based on an 8 week project projection).

6. Forename: *

7. Surname: *

8. Student ID: *

9. Student Email: *

10. University *

11. School/Department *

12. Degree Programme/Major: *

13. Current GPA: *

14. Summary of university courses/modules taken and completed (with results): *

15. Are you applying elsewhere for a vacation research period this year? If yes, to which organisation and when will you know the result? *

Supervisor and Project details (this section should be completed with your Supervisor)

Please note that Undergraduate and Master's or PHD students are unable to act as Supervisors. All projects must be with University of Glasgow supervisors and at University of Glasgow. Students are expected to have approached potential UofG supervisor ahead of applying and ensure they have their agreement.

16. Supervisor Name: *

17. School of Supervisor: *

18. Please confirm you have discussed the outlined project with the named supervisor: *

Yes

No

19. Project title: *

20. Project proposed start date: *

21. Duration of project (in weeks): *

22. Summary of project proposal (*provide in our own words a summary of the project you have discussed with your supervisor providing a clear description of the work planned. You might like to include the project hypothesis and/or aims, what techniques you will learn and how the project fits within the bigger picture of the lab's research interests.*) (max 800 words): *

Adviser/Tutor Reference

23. Adviser/Tutor Name: *

24. Please provide recommendations from current adviser/tutor/course lead, including an evaluation of the standard of work completed to date (if no results available) and contact details for individual (max 200 words) *

Additional Information

25. Why do you wish to apply for a Vacation Scholarship in your chosen research field?(Max 300 words): *

26. What skills do you hope to acquire that will support your current career aspirations? (Max 300 words) *

27. Have you had any other research experience (apart from your course projects)? If yes, please describe: (Max 200 words): *

28. Would additional financial support be required for accommodation or travel? If yes, briefly outline why you require additional support and provide approximate costs for project duration:

29. Is there any other information you would like us to be aware of when making the selection for the Vacation Scholarships?

Signature

We will aim to notify all students of the scholarship decisions as soon as possible after the closing date.

If you are successful, you will be sent a report form/scientific abstract to complete within one month of the end of your project. This is required by the Wellcome Trust as part of the Terms of the Scholarship.

Thank you.

30. Student E-Signature: *

31. Date: *

Supervisor Signature

Please ensure your supervisor has approved your application and signs below.

32. Supervisor E-Signature: *

33. Date: *

Thank you and good luck!

We will be in touch with all applicants, regardless of outcome.

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