



# Inspiring the next generation

Placing talented young people at the heart of your organisation with a research placement



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**100%**

100% of students placed are from free school meals and first in family backgrounds

**175**

175 organisations offered to host a placement in 2019

Increases the likelihood of enrolling on a STEM course at top universities

**Our vision:** to provide placements to young people from disadvantaged backgrounds to increase opportunities to access university courses and in STEM and STEM-related careers.

**Our mission:** to work in partnership with employers who can provide supervised research placements for students to undertake independently.

## The impact

We are looking for employers to support students through a combination of online and on-site research activities\*. The on-site element of your placement will last for a maximum of two weeks. Projects must have broadly scientific or technical content, but they don't have to be based in a laboratory. They might be office-based, include a lot of fieldwork or they might focus on engineering, data or computer science, or social science.

1,000

We are supporting up to 1,000 Nuffield Research Placements each year

\*Due to the impact of COVID-19 and Government guidance, and in respect of the limitations of the placement host organisation, on-site activities may not be able to go ahead. In the event that on-site research is not possible, this activity will be required to go ahead online instead.

# Who we work with

We work with a wide range of employers, including universities and research institutes, local government and public sector agencies, tech and pharmaceutical companies, think tanks and market research agencies. Some of these organisations employ thousands of people, and some have a single-figure headcount. What they all have in common is a clearly identifiable **research and development** project, and a commitment to **sharing their passion for their business with young people from their local area.**

**“It’s great that we can show students that scientific research doesn’t just take place in universities and ‘secret’ laboratories.”**

Dr Kerry Perkins, Aquarist, Brighton Sea Life Centre

# The benefits

**Inspire** the next generation of researchers and developers, and grow future talent

Provide **opportunities** to your staff to develop coaching, mentoring and management skills

Work with **top students** to make significant contributions to your research and development projects

**Invaluable assistance** when time on a project is short

Placements meet the relevant **Gatsby Benchmarks** – as endorsed in the government’s careers strategy – for excellence in careers provision by schools and colleges

Fulfil your public engagement, widening participation and corporate **social responsibility** goals

Enhance institutional reputation with new cohorts of students who could be **future employees**

**Cost-effective** as travel expenses are provided for students

“Nuffield students achieve very useful results that feed into our research team’s main projects and add great value to our research output.”

Jane Whittaker, Research Scientist at Unilever  
Research & Development Port Sunlight Laboratory

# How you can offer a placement

Placements are developed through the network of Nuffield regional coordinators across the UK. The first step is to have a conversation with your local coordinator, who will tell you all you need to know about hosting a student.

Contact details for our regional coordinators are available on our website, [stem.org.uk/nuffield-research-placements](https://stem.org.uk/nuffield-research-placements) or email [nrpenquiries@stem.org.uk](mailto:nrpenquiries@stem.org.uk) for more information. Our coordinators are there to help you every step of the way.



# About STEM Learning



Our vision – a world-leading STEM education for all young people across the UK.

No 1 for STEM Education in the UK

**100%**

**We reach**  
100% of UK secondary schools, post-16 and FE colleges, and 75% of primary schools work with us

**2 million**

**We inspire**  
2 million young people benefit from 20,000 teachers taking part in our expertly led, professional learning programmes each year

**90%**

**We impact**  
90% of young people increase their engagement in STEM after working with STEM Ambassadors

Nuffield Research Placements are delivered by STEM Learning and funded by the Nuffield Foundation, an independent charitable trust with a mission to advance educational opportunity and social well-being. The Nuffield Foundation funds research that informs social policy and provides opportunities for young people to develop skills and confidence in science and research. Find out more at [nuffieldfoundation.org](http://nuffieldfoundation.org)

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Find out more at  
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