Summer Vacation Studentships / Placements
The following organisations and societies offer funding to enable UK undergraduate medical students to work in an institutional research lab during summer vacations or offer a summer placement or internship scheme in an industrial or research setting. Also included are some grants / awards for small research projects which can be undertaken at any time of year. Funding amounts and closing dates vary, some require the lab leader or placement supervisor applying for the grant to be members of the society or already in receipt of a grant from the organisation.
If you would like any further information on any of the studentships or placements listed in this document please contact the organisation offering the funding.

BBSRC Research Experience Placements
The Awards aims to: give promising undergraduates a first-hand opportunity to gain greater experience of research in the biosciences; raise the profile of research careers among undergraduate students; and interest students in postgraduate research in strategically important areas for BBSRC. Research Experience Placements (REPS) are awarded directly to departments. Departments can choose to award REPs to students from another institution if they wish. Medical students are eligible to be offered a REP by the awarded department. All students interested in a REP need to apply through the award holding department’s own application process and so should look out for advertisements during spring next year. Departments can choose to award REPs to students from another institution if they wish. www.bbsrc.ac.uk/funding/studentships/research-experience-placements.aspx

British Society for Antimicrobial Chemotherapy Vacation Scholarship Grants
Vacation Scholarships are designed to give undergraduates experience in research. Research projects funded under the scheme can last up to 10 weeks. www.bsac.org.uk/grants_&_awards/vacation_grants.cfm

British Society for Neuroendocrinology (BSN) Undergraduate student laboratory experience grants
Undergraduate student laboratory experience grants provide some financial support for a student who undertakes a vacation lab project, open to all BSN members. www.neuroendo.org.uk/content/view/14/17/

Genetics Society Genes and Development Summer Studentships
The aim of the Genes and Development Summer Studentship scheme is to provide financial support for undergraduate students in any area of genetics, to gain research experience by carrying out a research project in the long vacation, usually prior to their final year. Studentships will only be awarded for students who have yet to complete their first degree i.e. who will still be undergraduates during the long vacation when they do the studentship. http://www.genetics.org.uk/page/2717/Genes-and-Development-summer-studentships.html

Physiological Society Vacation Studentships
Vacation Studentships offer undergraduate students who have completed at least two years of full time study in a higher education institute or equivalent, the opportunity to undertake physiological research projects. www.physoc.org/site/cms/contentCategoryView.asp?category=350

Pathological Society Undergraduate Bursary
The Pathological Society of Great Britain and Ireland offers a number of bursaries to undergraduate students of medicine, veterinary medicine, dentistry or biomedical science to
enable them to work for elective or vacation periods in departments of pathology in universities, medical schools, NHS labs or research institutes in the UK or overseas. www.pathsoc.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=51&Itemid=79

Society for Applied Microbiology (SfAM) Students into Work
The Society offers FULL members the opportunity to give undergraduate students studying microbiology as part of their degree, or those who have recently graduated, the chance to obtain work experience. Grants can be made available to any full member who is able to offer a suitable work placement for a period of up to 10 weeks any time during the year. www.sfam.org.uk/grants.php

Society for General Microbiology (SGM) Vacation Studentships
These awards are intended to enable undergraduates to work on microbiological research projects during the summer vacation. The purpose of the awards is to provide undergraduates with experience of research and to encourage them to consider a career in scientific research. Applications on behalf of named students are invited from SGM members in higher education institutions and research institutes. www.sgm.ac.uk/grants/vs.cfm

Sanger Institute Placements
Undergraduate placements are available to degree level students (including medical and veterinary students) who are seeking research/work experience, usually during the summer break. Placements are typically for three months between June and September although it may be possible to accommodate alternative periods on request. www.sanger.ac.uk/workstudy/placements/

Society for Endocrinology Summer Studentships for Undergraduate Students
The studentships have been established to assist undergraduate students, in gaining research experience by working in a research environment. Applications are invited from Society members for Summer Studentships. Full members may apply if they hold a minimum of 1 year's membership. www.endocrinology.org/grants/grant_summerstudentships.html

Wellcome Trust Biomedical Science Vacation Scholarships
The Vacation Scholarship is 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. www.wellcome.ac.uk/Funding/Biomedical-science/Grants/Undergraduate-support/WTD004448.htm