

Student Placements

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

We hope that the following questions and answers will help with any general queries you may have. For more specific questions, please contact hrservices@sanger.ac.uk

General FAQs

Q: I am reading a specific subject. Are there any placements in my particular field?

A: Placements are potentially available across the full spectrum of the Institute's activities. You should specify your area of interest in your application form. Applications are assessed on merit and always subject to team, project and business needs.

Q: I am a non-EU student studying at a university outside of the UK. Am I eligible for your Placement Scheme?

A: No, unfortunately the Institute is not able to sponsor students from non EEA countries.

Q: I am a non-EU student studying at a University inside the UK. Am I eligible for your Placement Scheme?

A: Yes, you will be eligible as you will most likely be supported by a student visa which allows you to work full-time outside term time.

Q: I did not receive an e-mail confirming that I have submitted my application successfully?

A: All candidates that submit their application correctly should receive a confirmation e-mail. If you do not, please check you have completed all steps of the application process before contacting hrservices@sanger.ac.uk if there is still a problem.

Q: It says on your website, if I am shortlisted for interview, I will need to provide a letter of recommendation from your Course Tutor – can I include this letter with my original application?

A: Yes you can. You can submit a copy of this letter under the "Attach Documents" section of the online application form.

Undergraduate and Sandwich Year Placement FAQs

Q: I will complete my first degree in Summer 2012 and would like to apply for an Undergraduate Placement at your Institute? Can I still apply?

A: Yes you are still eligible and can apply for an undergraduate placement

Q: I would like to do a placement for 6months however your website says placements are typically 3 months? Can a longer placement be accommodated?

A: On occasions this can be accommodated although this largely rests with the department offering the placement. If you would like to do a placement for a longer period of time, please indicate the length on your application.

Q: I have just finished my first degree and am looking at taking a year out before applying for a PhD. Am I still eligible for a Sandwich Year Placement?

A: No, unfortunately our sandwich year placement scheme is for students who are required to undertake a year out in industry as part of their first-degree course.

Work Experience Placement FAQs

Q: Does your work experience placement scheme run at any other time of year other than over the Summer?

A: Placements usually run between June and August although other times can be accommodated on request. Please state on your application form if you require a placement outside these months.

Q: I am a mature student currently studying for A-levels/Access course in Science and I am interested in your work experience placements. Are there any placements for mature students?

A: No, the current work experience placements offered are for students aged 14 to 19 and are run in conjunction with Connexions. Connexions are a government led initiative providing young people the support they need on all aspects of living, working, and learning.

Q: I would like to apply for your Work Experience Placement Scheme but I live outside the local area. Can I apply still and do you help with accommodation if I were to be successful?

A: Yes you can still apply for a work experience placement however all transport, accommodation and other costs associated with staying in the local area must be met by yourself.