

APC Microbiome Ireland

Summer Student Bursaries, 2018

Do you want to gain valuable laboratory research experience in a world-leading research centre? Are you a student studying a biological science or medicine in Ireland who will have completed 3 years of undergraduate study this summer?

APC Microbiome Ireland (<http://apc.ucc.ie>) studies all aspects of the gastrointestinal microbiota, such as host-microbe interactions, the brain-gut-microbe axis, microbiota at the extremes of life, and pharmabiotics (any biological entity which can be 'mined' from the gastrointestinal microbiota, including probiotics, bacteriocins, bacteriophages and bioactive molecules).

The APC will provide 8 competitive **Summer Student Bursaries** for students from science or medical (undergraduate or graduate entry) courses. We will provide a stipend (€1000 per month) for 2 months during the months of June-September for each student, and up to €500 to the hosting APC laboratory for consumables required for the research project. Please note that we will not cover travel/accommodation costs.

Note: You must be resident in Ireland, and finished 3yr year in a science or medical degree (or equivalent experience). Students in their final year of undergraduate study, or doing a PhD or MSc course, are not eligible to apply. All successful summer students must agree to submit a final report (max 5 pgs) by their last day. If writing a report for a funding agency, this can be submitted instead.

If you would like to apply, please send a 2 page CV which should include your university exam results to date, and a 1 page cover letter explaining why you would be a suitable candidate, to APC.administrator@ucc.ie by **February 23th 2018**.

The **Health Research Board (HRB)**, **Wellcome Trust** and UCC's **College of Science, Engineering and Food Science (SEFS)** also fund Summer Students and the APC would also be delighted to host students who would like to apply. We strongly encourage that you apply (and this will be taken into consideration when we review applications) because it is excellent to have on your CV and facilitates the APC taking on additional summer students above the 8 we can fund directly) – the relevant websites and closing dates are below. Please contact Sally Cudmore if you would like assistance with any of the application processes below.

Preference will be given to students who also apply for external funding so please indicate where you have applied in your letter. Please also indicate if you are a HEAR (Higher Education Access Route) or DARE (Disability Access Route to Education) student.

HRB - closing date 15 February

<http://www.hrb.ie/research-strategy-funding/grants-and-fellowships/hrb-grants-and-fellowships/grant/182/>

Wellcome Trust - closing date 26 February

<https://wellcome.ac.uk/funding/biomedical-vacation-scholarships>

UCC SEFS

<https://www.ucc.ie/en/sefs/currentstudents/importantinfoforallstudents/summerbursaries/>