Rokos Awards for Science & Research Internships

Applications are now open for Rokos internship funding for summer 2018. This is a unique opportunity to enhance your studies and your scientific knowledge by playing a real part in world-leading research. Last year twelve Pembroke students received funding and their internship reports are available at: http://www.pmb.ox.ac.uk/finance-reports-rokos. We were delighted to sponsor such a wide range of interesting projects and are looking forward to this year’s applications.

Who is eligible?

- All non-finalist Pembroke undergraduates studying ‘STEM’ subjects: Biochemistry, Biology, Chemistry, Engineering, Experimental Psychology (including PPL), Mathematics (including Mathematics & Philosophy), Physics (including Physics and Philosophy) and Pre-Clinical Medicine.
- All students may apply with the support of their Tutors.
- We expect most applicants to be in their second year, or in the third year of a four-year course, but first year students may exceptionally apply.
- Students successful in previous years are eligible to apply again.

What sort of internships are eligible?

- You will need to identify your own internship – your Tutor can provide some support and advice in this.
- You are encouraged to identify internships within Oxford, but support may also be available for internships outside Oxford, subject to support from your Tutor.
- Internships should normally take place in August and September 2018.
- Internships should normally last no longer than eight weeks; you may apply for more than one shorter internship.
- The research should not form part of your normal degree course or contribute directly to any work assessed as part of your course - if you have any doubts about this, please discuss it with your Tutor.
- Any students who have won externally sponsored internships are eligible to apply for top-up funding.

**How much funding is available?**

You will receive accommodation in Pembroke (subject to availability, during August and September only) free of charge for the duration of the internship, or an equivalent accommodation allowance of up to **£50 per night**. You will also receive a generous allowance for academic and personal expenses – up to **£1000** is available for academic expenses/lab materials etc. and up to **£100 per week** for subsistence.

**How do I apply?**

You need to submit an application jointly to the College Fellow in charge of your subject and to the Academic Office (academic.office@pmb.ox.ac.uk) by **Friday of 4th week (9 February 2018)**. You are strongly encouraged to submit your application as soon as possible, particularly if you want to take advantage of the free accommodation available in Pembroke. Final decisions will be taken by Governing Body on Wednesday of 8th week.

You should **fill out this application form** and include the following details:

- Location of the internship (which laboratory, research group, lead academic);
- Purpose of the internship (content of the internship, particular skills that you plan to achieve through the opportunity);
- An estimate of the total academic and research expenses requested, with a justification (maximum of £1000). If other expenses are known, please also include these.
- Written confirmation from the host laboratory head, with the beginning and end dates of the internship. This can be sent by email or via a signature on the form.
- Written confirmation from your Tutor that they support your application. This can be sent by email or via a signature on the form.
- If you are applying for ‘top up’ funding, please also send details of the external award or funding that you have already secured.

All award winners will also be required to produce a report on their experience at the end of the internship.

**Questions?**

You should discuss potential internship opportunities with your Tutors. If you have any questions about the administration of the scheme, please contact the Academic Office (academic.office@pmb.ox.ac.uk).