Rokos Awards for Science & Research Internships

We are now inviting Trinity term applications for Rokos internship funding for summer 2017. Rokos internship funding offers a unique opportunity to enhance your studies and your scientific knowledge by providing funding to enable you to play a real part in world-leading research. Last year, eleven 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.

Who is eligible?

- We have now expanded the eligibility criteria and would like to **encourage first year students to apply**. Applicants can therefore be in their first or second year, or in the third year of a four year course.
- 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 scholars and exhibitioners may apply. Other students may also apply with the support of their Tutors.
- If you have already had funding for a previous Rokos internship, you are eligible to re-apply for a second internship.
- Any students who have won externally sponsored internships are eligible to apply for top-up funding.

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 2017.
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.

How much funding is available?

You will receive accommodation in Pembroke (subject to availability and only possible from August to September) free of charge for the duration of the internship, or an equivalent accommodation allowance. You will also receive a generous allowance for academic and personal expenses – up to £1000 is available for academic expenses and up to £800 for personal expenses.

How do I apply?

You need to submit an application jointly to the College Fellow in charge of your subject and to the Academic Director (nancy.braithwaite@pmb.ox.ac.uk) by Friday of 4th week (19 May 2017). Final decisions will be taken by Governing Body on Wednesday of 8th week.

You should set out details of your internship, preferably on a single page (maximum two pages) 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); and
- The total academic and research costs requested, with a justification (up to a maximum of £1000).
- You should also include written confirmation from the host laboratory head, with the beginning and end dates of the internship.
- If you are applying for ‘top up’ funding, please also send details of the external award or funding that you have already secured.

Please submit all application materials as Word documents (not PDFs) if possible.

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).