

University of Birmingham

EPSRC Innovation Placements Bursary application guidance

Overview

The Innovation Placements Bursary scheme provides funding for existing Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council (EPSRC) funded students at the University of Birmingham to undertake:

- entrepreneurial placements
- relevant placements with industry
- placements with policy organisations relevant to the government's [Industrial Strategy](#)
- placements with SMEs (small and medium-sized enterprises)
- other placements to support and increase the impact arising from doctoral research which is relevant to the [Industrial Strategy](#)

Applicants may apply for up to £500 per week to cover costs incurred through undertaking a placement.

Eligibility criteria

The Bursary scheme is open to postgraduate research (PGR) students registered at the University of Birmingham who receive funding from the Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council (EPSRC).

How to apply

- You should identify a suitable placement before you apply.
- Complete the University of Birmingham EPSRC Innovation Placements Bursary application form and return this to epsgraduateschool@contacts.bham.ac.uk.
- Ensure that indicative costs are itemised and evidenced.
- Ensure that you obtain supervisor endorsement. Unfortunately we cannot consider any application that is not supported by your supervisor.
- Ensure that your application has been signed by you and your supervisor. Electronic signatures will be accepted.
- Travel and accommodation should be by the most economical means possible.

Approvals process

- Applications can be submitted throughout the year, but will be reviewed and decisions will be made at two points in the year: 31st December and 31st May.
- Decisions will be made by the College of Engineering and Physical Sciences Graduate School based on the strength of the application. We aim to support as many students as possible, however funding is limited and dependent on the number of applications received, we may not be able to support all applications.
- You will receive notification via your University email if you have been successful.



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- For successful applicants, it is expected that after your activity you will produce a short report about how the activity allowed you to meet your specified goals and helped your development.
- All decisions are final and cannot be appealed against.