



Nuffield Research Placements

Programme summary

Introduction

We are hopeful that by the time placements are due to go ahead next summer, the **Nuffield Research Placements** (NRP) programme will be able to return to an in-person model. This means real-world research collaborations going ahead on-site over July and/or August. However, this will be subject to Government guidelines and host organisation limitations during summer 2023 and so there may need to be a blend of both in-person and virtual working. Given this possibility for variation, students and placement providers should discuss what is possible, and what they feel comfortable with, early on in the process with their regional coordinator so the necessary arrangements can be made.

What is the programme model?

Within NRP, students will be guided through the following: -

- an independent study support package consisting of online module assignments designed to develop their essential professional, research, data and numeracy skills
- collaboration with a knowledge expert on a 'live' research question relating to an area of science, quantitative social science, computing, technology, engineering or maths (or a combination!) to develop their essential STEM skills and result in a research poster & report
- a timetable of optional supplementary workshops and webinars that are geared towards careers guidance and training on key topics e.g., Python programming language.

Why should I do it?

Students

By taking part, students will complete a meaningful and rewarding experience that will challenge and develop their research, critical thinking, planning, time management and communication skills. Participation will also provide students with valuable supervision from knowledge experts thereby allowing additional scope to become more confident working on novel situations. In many cases, the collaboration on a research question will allow students to make a notable contribution to the work of their placement provider and include this experience within applications to Higher Education.

Placement providers

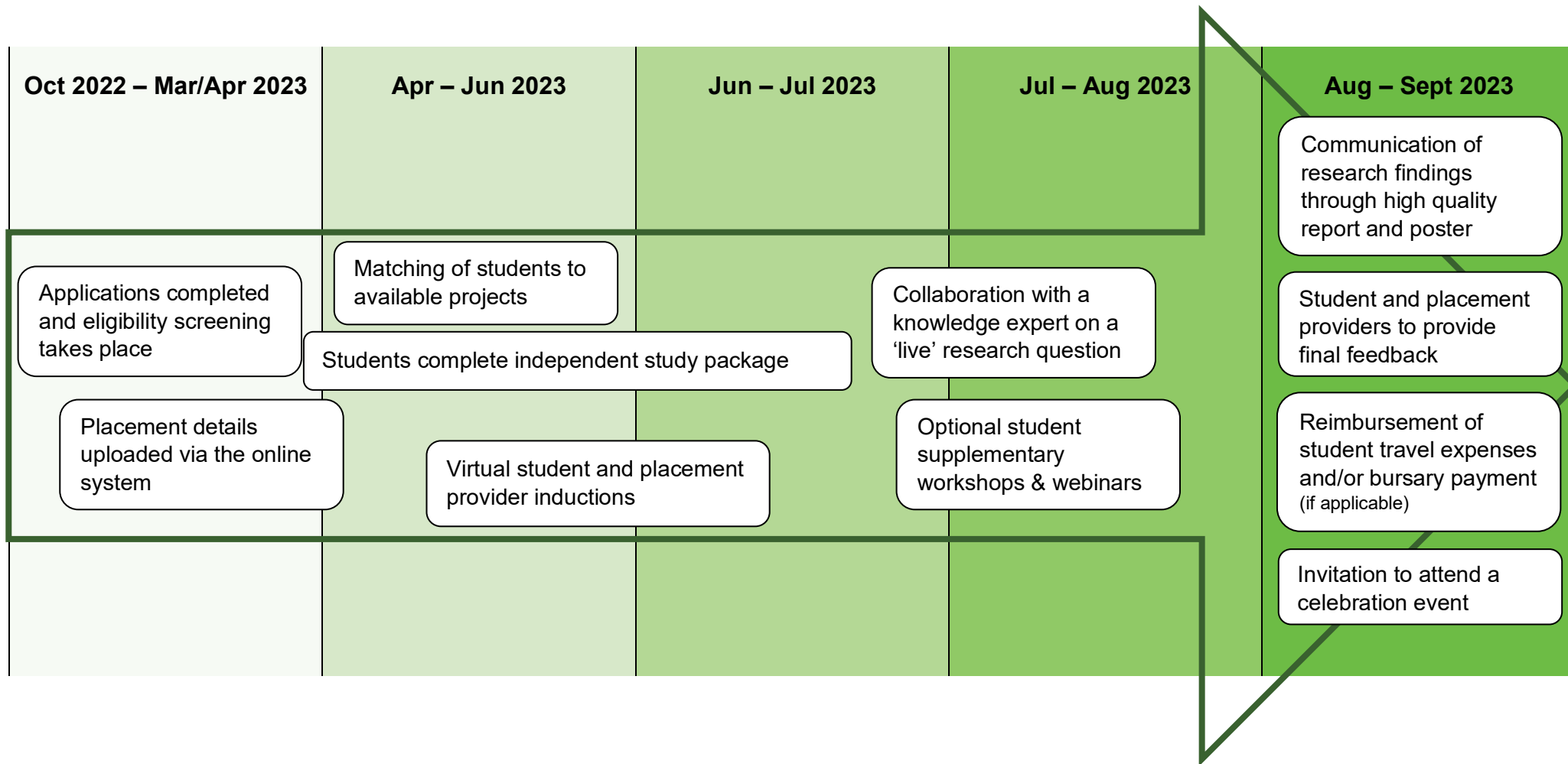
By taking part, placement providers invite talented young people to the heart of their organisation and help inspire the next generation of researchers and developers. Supervising a Nuffield student will not only provide invaluable assistance on a project but also offer opportunities for staff professional development. Moreover, by engaging with the NRP programme the organisation can fulfil their public engagement, widening participation and corporate social responsibility goals whilst enhancing their institutional reputation through working with the top students.

What does it involve?

All those who wish to take part will need to commit to the following timetable, though should your circumstances change for any reason please contact [your Nuffield Regional Coordinator](#) as soon as you can and they will be able to discuss potential next steps with you.

Students should be enthusiastic and ready to challenge and stretch themselves in order to fully develop new and transferable skills that will prove valuable in whatever career path they choose.

Placement providers will need to be ready with a research topic/question related to their field and offer supervision that bridges the gap between school/college and Higher Education or employment.



For any questions relating to Nuffield Research Placements, you can either contact [your local regional coordinator](#) or email nrpenquiries@stem.org.uk.