**EPSRC Vacation Internships FAQs**

**Eligibility**

* I am currently in my 1st year of my 3-year degree, am I eligible for the internships?
  + Unfortunately, the Internships are only available to students in Year 2 of their degree programme (or years 2 and 3 of a 4-year programme). We run the competition every year so you will be eligible to apply for next year’s competition.
* I am currently in my last year of my 3-year degree, am I eligible for the internships?
  + The Vacation Internship Scheme is available to Undergraduate students who are currently in year 2 of a 3-year programme or years 2 & 3 of a 4-year programme. Therefore, if you are in Year 3 of a 3 Year programme, or Year 4 of a 4 Year programme, and will be graduating this summer, then unfortunately you do not meet the eligibility criteria.
* Is it possible for Postgraduate students to apply for the internships?
  + The EPSRC Vacation Internship scheme is aimed at Undergraduate students to provide them with the opportunity to gain experience of research work. Unfortunately, as a Postgraduate student you are not eligible to apply for the scheme.

**Completing the Application Form**

* Should I just fill in Section A of the application form?
  + When you have completed Section A of the form, you should forward the application to the Project Supervisor so that they can complete Section B. Make sure you have signed the form beforehand (e.g. Section C needs to be signed by you).
  + Once the form has been completed by everyone, you should return it to [pgrstudentships@liverpool.ac.uk](mailto:pgrstudentships@liverpool.ac.uk)
* How can I mention the project(s) I want to apply for?
  + The project title should be included in Q5 of Section A so that it is clear which project you are applying for.
* Is there a section in the application form (Section A for students) where I can input the project name or details?
  + These details should be included in Q5 of Section A.
* The application form has a section for the Supervisor. Do I need to contact them before sending in my application?
  + You should complete your section of the application form and then forward it to the relevant Project Supervisor so that they can complete Section B of the form. Let them know which project you are interested in as they may have more than one project available.
  + Once the form has been completed by everyone, you should return it to [pgrstudentships@liverpool.ac.uk](mailto:pgrstudentships@liverpool.ac.uk)
* Once I have completed section A of the application form do I need to get in touch with the Project Supervisor to fill out the rest of the sections or do I just sent it with those sections left blank?
  + You will need to send the application form to the project Supervisor before the deadline so that they can complete Section B of the form.
* How many words am I allowed to write for the Q5 of the Section A? Should it be like a cover letter or just a very brief statement?
  + There isn’t a word limit for Q5 but it should be written as a statement about why you are interested in the project and any experience you may have that would be relevant for the research. It would also be helpful if you could include the project title in this section so that it is clear which project you are applying for.
* For Section A, question (g) of the application, should I list each module I have taken in my course along with the results, or just my overall result for the year?
  + You should list all of the modules you have taken along with the results.
* I am unsure whom to contact for advice on this application. Could you please direct me to the appropriate person or department for assistance?
  + Queries can be emailed to [pgrstudentships@liverpool.ac.uk](mailto:pgrstudentships@liverpool.ac.uk)
* I am currently enrolled as a student at another University and so when attempting to fill out the form I am unsure what I should enter for the Student ID number.
  + You will not have a University of Liverpool Student ID number. Instead state that you are a registered student at another University (and include the name of your University)

**General queries**

* Am I allowed to apply for multiple research projects?
  + You can apply for more than one project.  You will need to complete a separate application for each one, making it clear which project you are applying for. You will then need to forward the application to the Project Supervisor so that they can complete their section of the form. You will also need to identify which project is your first, second or third choice, for example, so that this can be taken into consideration during the decision-making process.
* If I just want to participate in the project and do not require any scholarships or bursary, do I still need to fill out the Section A of the application form?
  + You should speak to the Supervisor to see if you could do the project without the bursary. This may be dependent on the Supervisor's availability during the summer months and whether the project has already been awarded to another student.