

## Professional Internships for PhD Students (PIPS)

### *What are White Rose BBSRC Doctoral Training Programme PIPS?*

- Three-month internships for postgraduate researchers at the Universities of Leeds, York and Sheffield who are part of the White Rose BBSRC Doctoral Training Programme
- Postgraduates are doing research in a wide range of biological fields and have had training in technical methods, research skills, data analysis, oral and written presentation skills
- Aim is to expose postgraduate researchers to other scientific careers, beyond academic research
- Provide postgraduate researchers with networking opportunities outside academia
- Enable postgraduate researchers to gain new skills that can enhance their employability post-PhD

### *How can your organisation benefit?*

- Host a highly skilled intern for three months (many researchers are looking for in-person internships, but remote working will suit some)
- Have capacity to undertake a three-month project capitalising on the intern's skill set
- Identify future employees
- Gain new perspectives and be exposed to cutting-edge biology research
- Raise awareness of your organisation amongst White Rose DTP postgraduate researchers and their academic supervisors

### *What does my organisation need to do to participate?*

- Provide an appropriate three-month opportunity (or opportunities) and contact person.
- Provide up to £2000 towards costs of travel and/or accommodation to enable the postgraduate researcher to take up an internship (the intern will continue to receive a salary from the Doctoral Training Programme)
- Liaise with interested postgraduates to establish timing of internship
- Complete a Memorandum of Understanding and Health and Safety checklist pre-internship and feedback form post-internship

If you are interested in hosting an internship or would like to find out more about the PIPS programme, please contact Prof. Katherine Denby ([Katherine.denby@york.ac.uk](mailto:Katherine.denby@york.ac.uk))



*I gained valuable insight into the world of science policy and learned how to work in a fast-paced office environment within a small team. Organising Evidence Week in Parliament felt important and relevant to problems in society and introduced me to public engagement – something I may be interested in pursuing after my PhD.*

*Liam, Policy intern at Sense About Science*

