**Internships and Industry Fund for Computer Science**

 **FAQs**

The Internships and Industry Fund for Computer Science is open to Durham University students who are studying Computer Science or Natural Sciences (if you are a Natural Sciences student, you do not necessarily need to be studying Computer Science as part of your degree in order to be eligible).

**Q1. What kind of activity can the fund support?**

The fund aims to support a range of industry activity, including:

* Internships (UK and Global)
* Placement Years (UK and Global)
* Industry/employer trips and site visits
* Industry/employer conferences
* Industry activity abroad and in the UK
* Remote experiences
* Any other activity deemed as suitable

**Q2. What can I apply for a financial contribution towards?**

Applications for an award must be made under one or more of the below categories:

* **Travel** costs (the maximum award is £600)
* **Accommodation** costs (the maximum award is £600)
* **Supplementary** costs (the maximum award is £500)
* **Equipment** costs (the maximum award is £500)

**Q3. Can I apply for an award under all four of the main categories?**

 Yes. However, the limit that any student can receive in one fund cycle (October – June) is **£1,500.**

**Q4. Can I apply to support a Remote Internship, Placement or experience?**

Yes. You can still apply under the Supplementary and/or Equipment categories.

**Q5. What is the main eligibility criteria for the fund?**

In order to be eligible to apply for fund, you must meet this criteria:

* Be enrolled as an active student, studying a Computer Science or Natural Sciences programme AND **have a household income of £42,875 or less, as assessed by Student Finance England.**

**OR**

* Be enrolled as an active student, studying a Computer Science or Natural Sciences programme AND **be applying to support a Global Internship or Placement opportunity**

 **Q6. Can International students apply to the fund?**

 Yes.

**Q7. Is the fund open to both Undergraduates and Postgraduates?**

Yes.

**Q8. How fast will my application be considered?**

We will always endeavour to process your application and inform you of the outcome in good time and before your internship/placement/experience is due to start.

*However*, you should keep in mind that it may take several weeks for an award to be processed by the University. Therefore, you should aim to apply well-before the start date of your internship/placement/experience.

**Q9. Do I have to complete the Student Feedback Form?**

**Yes**. A condition of an award from the fund is that you complete the Feedback Form, including the Personal Report section. These are used to demonstrate the impact of the award you have received and will be sent to the fund’s donor.

**Q10. I have a question about the fund, who should I contact?**

From February 2023, any questions/queries should be forwarded to Ashleigh Baty (Faculty Placements Manager for Science)

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