Guidance on how to get involved in UROP can be found at www.imperial.ac.uk/urop

UROP is a flexible environment aimed at maximising the ability of staff and students to collaborate in a way that suits both parties. Therefore, there is no standard or template UROP. **Contact academic staff directly.** Be prepared for polite refusals, to persevere, to perhaps wait a year for that ideal UROP *(develop your research network and opportunities may follow!!!)*

**Good luck in finding that research opportunity.** If you have a query about the UROP process feel free to email: urop@imperial.ac.uk

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**Imperial College’s 2019 Summer UROP Bursary Competition**

**DEADLINE** for bursary applications was **13 February 2019**

http://www.imperial.ac.uk/students/fees-and-funding/undergraduate-funding/loans-and-grants/funding-for-placements/urop/

The dept supervising a UROP does **not** need to have registered the UROP in order for you to apply for a bursary

**Other sources of funding are suggested at:** http://www.imperial.ac.uk/urop/how-to-get-involved/funding/sources-of-funding/

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**Quick points to note about UROP:**

**Perhaps start with a chat with your personal tutor** if you are new to the idea of pursuing some undergraduate research.

- Most UROPs involve 2nd & penultimate year students. 1st & final year students can get involved at the discretion of staff.
- UROPs are either advertised *(UROP website or more often locally in depts)* or are personally negotiated by a student with a member of staff. The vast majority are not advertised on the UROP website, although some interesting stuff does appear.
- Local selection procedures apply if more than one student expresses an interest in devising a UROP with any one academic.
- You are not confined to your own department. ➢ The usual duration (excluding gaps) is 6-10 weeks full or near to full-time.
- The duration *(and whether holidays can be accommodated)* and hours of work are matters for negotiation with the supervisor.
- UROPs ought to take place between 1 July and 30 Sept. They can start in June at the discretion of your home dept (so ask).
- While a supervisor is at liberty to provide a bursary to support a student with their living costs it is not a requirement as the UROP is not employment. **However,** supervisors should be willing to support you with a bursary application to a third party.
- Bursary schemes have eligibility criteria *(e.g. year of study; nationality; minimum/maximum length)* so check carefully.
- Secure funding first – **if that is your plan** - before worrying about having the host department register the UROP *(the aim of which is to ensure appropriate management of the confirmed funded or unfunded research experience.)*