

FAQ's STFC Sandwich Student Recruitment 2012

Q. How long does a Sandwich Student placement last?

A placement lasts for one year.

Q. Is this a paid placement?

A. Yes. Sandwich Students are contracted to STFC as Grade RC-STU, with a salary of £17 129 per annum.

Q. When will my placement start?

A. Start dates can vary but are generally between June and September. A specific start date will be negotiated at the time of offer.

Q. What are the eligibility criteria?

A. Students must be:

- Completing a sandwich degree course in the EU and be taking the industrial placement as a recognised sandwich year. A reference will be obtained from their University placement office or tutor as evidence of the candidate's affiliation to a University.
- Already eligible to work in the UK for the duration of the placement (STFC will not apply for visa's or permits to work on behalf of candidates).

Q. Is this placement scheme open to students currently studying overseas?

A. Yes, so long as they meet the above criteria and that a representative from their University is able to visit the site during their placement. Please note that STFC will not reimburse travel costs to and from the UK for interview. Reasonable travel costs within the UK maybe reimbursed

Q. Do Sandwich Students receive an annual leave entitlement?

A. They will be entitled to 25 days annual leave (on a personal leave year) and 11.5 days public and privilege holidays per annum.

Q. How do I apply?

A. Candidates will apply using the RCUK SSC i-Recruitment Portal

Q. What is the selection process?

A. Candidates will be selected for interview based on their application. Short-listed candidates will be invited to attend an interview at the Rutherford Appleton Laboratory. Candidates will be

invited to attend an interview for each project they have been short-listed. An interview will be a maximum of one hour. The interview will be fairly informal and may include a small tour of the department. The successful candidate will then be made an employment offer.

Q. Is this appointment pensionable?

A. No

Q. Is this appointment subject to a probation period?

A. No. However, the appointment will be regularly reviewed.

Q. Do STFC arrange accommodation for students who will be moving to the area?

A. No. However, STFC will provide information on estate agents and travel routes in the area. They will also put successful candidates in touch with each other so that they can arrange group accommodation if they wish.

Q. Will training be provided?

A. Yes. STFC will provide all necessary training for the project and area that you have been recruited to.

Q. Who can I contact for more information about the scheme?

A. The STFC contacts are Dawn Leigh (01925 603954) and Nicky Newall (01925 603953).