



**Nuffield
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Nuffield Celebration Event Southeast England Cohort of 2022



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Welcome to the 2022 Nuffield Research Placements Celebration Event!

Today, we recognise the fantastic work of this year's students and project providers. By taking part in this programme, students have been enabled to apply skills and knowledge learned at school to provide a meaningful contribution to the work of project providers within their organisation.

Students have had the opportunity to develop their skills and professionalism, and this experience can be used in their future education and career. Placement Providers have allowed supervisors to share their experience and develop their mentoring skills, while giving back to the next generation and their community.

This year, there is a lot to celebrate. With placements provided by both universities and STEM industry, research focussed on a huge variety of STEM-related subjects. A total of 54 students completed their collaboration and academic research reports and posters, to showcase their contribution to the work of our providers. Many providers worked with multiple students, creating research teams, working together with a common goal.

Returning to face-to-face and hybrid placements has been a highlight of this cycle, with students witnessing their learning in context and realising the many applications of what they have learned in school. Students were provided with tours, given practical and lab experience, contributing to team meetings, and adding valuable insight to the wider work of their placement organisation.

As regional co-ordinator, it has been great to witness the development of research first-hand, while supporting both students and providers to reach their goals. The hard work from all involved has been inspiring; not only to see the dedication of students taking time out of their summer to invest in their future, but the commitment of providers to guide students through the process.

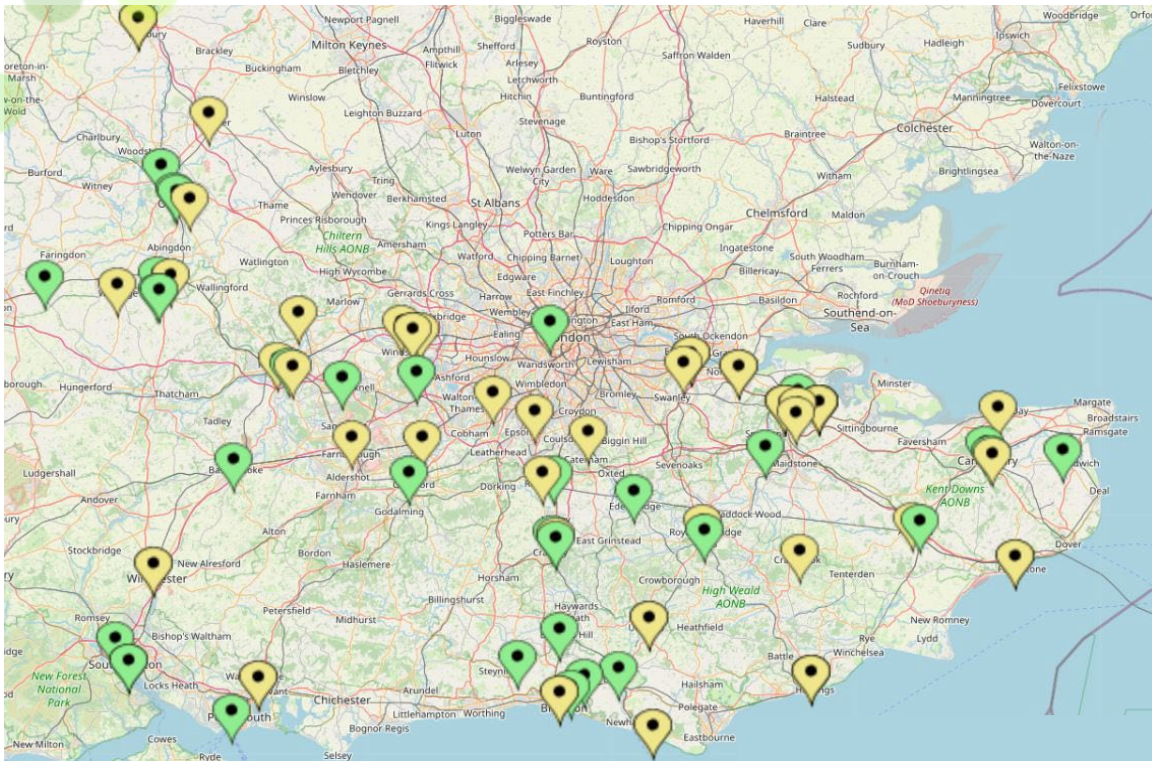
I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your work, as well as wish all this year's amazing students every success with their future journeys.

Thank you!



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2022: Our Nuffield Year in Numbers

84

Placement Approved Students

32

Placement Organisations

38

Different Schools

16

Subject Areas

30

Pre-Placement Modules and
Activities

58

Project Supervisors

108

Research Reports and Posters

10

Higher Education Organisations

7

Counties

22

STEM Industry Organisations

Supervising Organisations



Supervising Organisations

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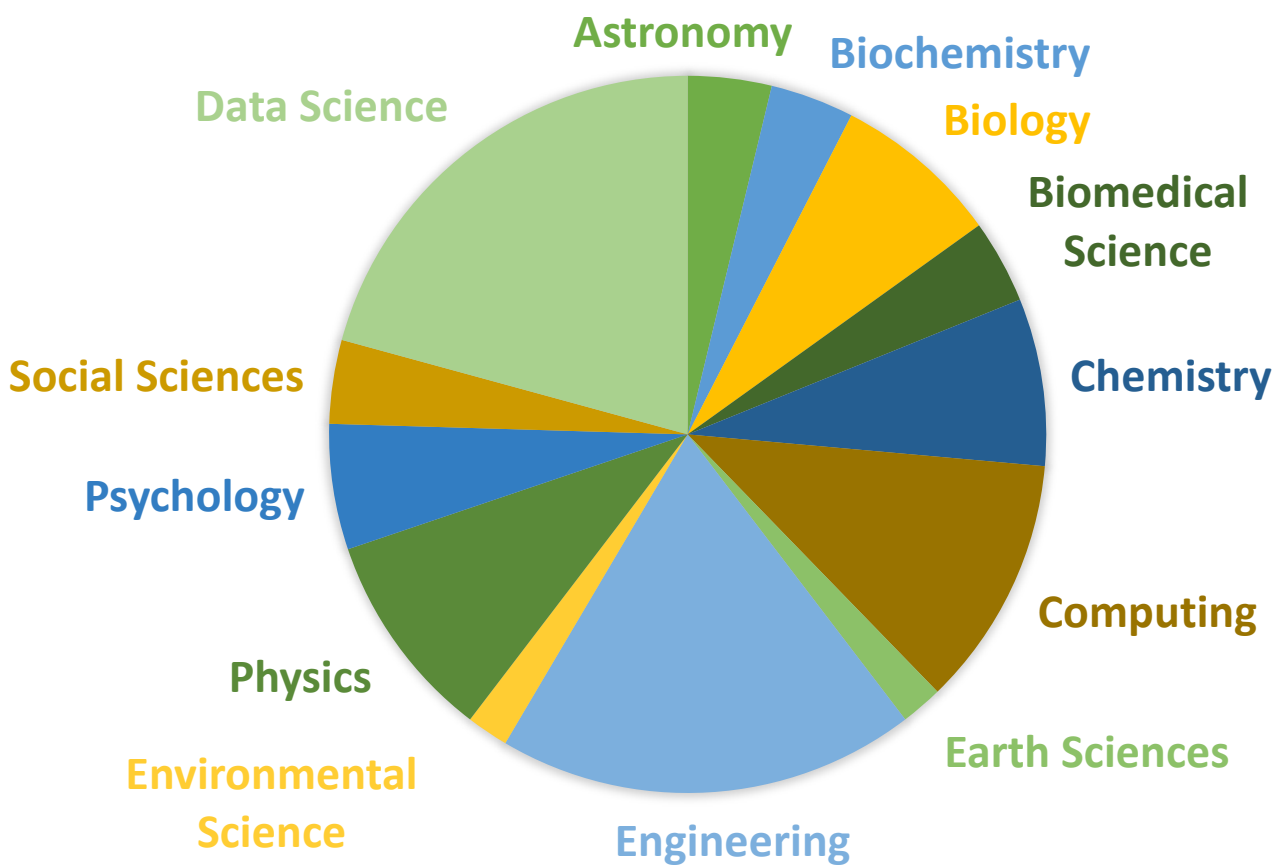
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Placement Subject Areas



Student View



Impact of Placements



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Now that this year's students have completed their placements, there is much potential to benefit from the experience.

Below is a testimonial statement from a past Nuffield Student on how their placement has benefitted their further learning and career.

'Having recently graduated I have found myself looking back on the key moments that have led me down this wonderful path. My experience undertaking the Nuffield Research Project was a key factor on my current success.

The project offered me the chance to acquire invaluable laboratory experience working closely with a PhD student of my supervisor. During days in-which there was no lab work I was able to get involved with masters' projects that also helped me develop my insight into the day-to-day life of higher education.

This project led me to become a Gold CREST awardee, finalist in the Big Bang Competition 2018, as well as winning a position at the 2018 London International Youth Science Forum. I often use this project as the crowning jewel in personal statements to various other projects; it is not something that becomes outdated as one progresses!

Furthermore, the project gave me a substantial head start before the start of my undergraduate course: lab skills, literature searching; complex statistical analysis, etc. I went onto do a variety of other projects, all of which started due to my positive experience with the Nuffield Research Project.

Finally, my supervisor has been a reinforcement on my scientific path: coming to my presentation during the Nuffield graduation and being a reference to my master's course, which I got an unconditional offer in (clearly his reference was a decisive factor in this). I will now begin a new chapter as I go onto a master's in molecular neuroscience. Reminiscing where I started, I feel very fortunate to have been part of this project and to have met these incredibly benevolent people.

I highly recommend any student/person to undertake this project. Whatever field you go onto, this project will pave the path to success.'



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Thank you for attending!

