

The Platelet Society welcomes applications for summer studentships to run in the summer of 2022.

Platelets are known to play vital roles in many aspects of health and disease including vascular health. Recently it has become increasingly apparent that vascular health is important for the development of dementia, a crippling disease affecting people of all ages. Due to a generous donation, the Platelet Society are funding up to 3 studentships in the area of Platelets and Dementia to run in the summer of 2022.

The aim of these studentships is to encourage platelet scientists to look for applications of their research in questions relevant to dementia and provide opportunities for high calibre undergraduate students to experience working in a research lab. This opportunity would be a great way for students considering doing a PhD to experience working on a research project.

### **How to Apply**

- Application forms can be downloaded from our website <https://plateletsociety.co.uk/studentships/>
- Applications must be made by the prospective supervisor with a named student. The deadline for applications is 5pm on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2022. Applications received after this date will not be considered.
- We hope to be able to inform successful applicants by the end of April 2022.
- Please complete all sections of the application form and submit by email to [info@plateletsociety.co.uk](mailto:info@plateletsociety.co.uk) with 'Summer Student Application' in the subject line.
- Studentships are only available to second or third year students on undergraduate programmes or integrated Masters and have yet to complete their degree.
- The studentship should consist of between 6 and 8 weeks of lab-based work.
- The studentship comes with a stipend of £1500 for the student and £500 of lab consumables. The stipend will be paid directly to the student.
- Supervisors should be members of the Platelet Society - details on how to join can be found [here](#)
- The research topic must be in the broad area of platelets and dementia. We encourage projects that link discovery and clinical research.
- Application will be reviewed by a panel made up from the committee and trustees of the Platelet Society along with two members from outside the committee. Applications will be judged on relevance, achievability and the benefit to the student.
- The titles of funded projects, together with the names and institutions of the supervisors will be posted on the Platelet Society Website. Students will also be expected to write a report (1 – 2 pages) at the end of the project which will be posted on our website.
- The Society is planning on running an online meeting in the area of platelets and dementia in late 2022. Successful supervisors/students will be invited to present at this meeting.

General enquires on the studentships should be sent to [info@plateletsociety.co.uk](mailto:info@plateletsociety.co.uk)