Hertford College Summer Research Studentships 2018

Hertford is offering up to three studentships during the long vacation to allow Hertford undergraduates to work with Hertford Fellows or stipendiary lecturers (or with a supervisor from another college, or from a department or faculty) on a research project within the humanities, social sciences, medical sciences, or physical and life sciences. The project could involve the study of archival or other library material, be fieldwork, or be based in a laboratory.

Students are not permitted to use a studentship to work on a dissertation, project or other submitted work for their degree: the intention is to offer the opportunity to work outside examined work and get a taste of research in a specific area. The studentships last for up to six weeks, and include food and accommodation in college and a weekly living allowance of £50. Where a student plans to work with a supervisor who is not a Hertford Fellow or stipendiary lecturer, they will be expected to provide evidence that the project has their college tutor’s support.

If you are interested:

1) Talk to the researcher concerned and discuss a possible project for the studentship;

2) Prepare a one-page summary of your proposal including the dates of your project and what you hope to achieve from it, and have it countersigned by the researcher;

3) Ask your college tutor (who may be the same person) to write a short reference to the Senior Tutor on your behalf;

4) Make sure your complete application, including reference, is sent to the Academic Office (academic.office@hertford.ox.ac.uk) by Friday of 2nd week of Trinity Term (4th May 2018).

Studentships will be awarded competitively by the College’s Academic Committee, based on your academic performance to date and the quality of your research proposal.

Successful applicants will be asked to write a short report (one or two sides) on their research at the end of the project. The report should summarise the research and resultant findings, and explain how the findings contribute to the broader research landscape. It should be aimed, at least in part, at a non-specialist audience. We are keen to promote to our prospective applicants the academic opportunities, such as the research studentships, that Hertford can offer, and will therefore publish details of the research conducted by the successful applicants on the college website.

Please let us know if you have any questions.