

# Black in Plant Science Studentships 2024 – Application Form

For the first time we will be offering Black undergraduate students from universities across the UK the opportunity to undertake a research experience placement at a UK university or research institution of their choice.

The Black in Plant Science (BiPS) network aims to connect, celebrate, and cultivate existing and aspiring UK-based Black researchers working with plants.

Supported by the ***Gatsby Foundation*** and ***The Plant Journal***, we are inviting applications for the **BiPS Summer Studentship**.

Studentships will last for six weeks, and a salary will be provided at the minimum living wage rate (£380/week) and a contribution to research expenses will be made to the hosting lab. It is anticipated that all placements will run in summer 2024, culminating with a written report on the student experience, which will be published on the Black in Plant Science website. The successful student will also be invited to attend and present at the first Black in Plant Science Conference.

Within this form, you will be asked to upload a short CV, a covering letter explaining why are you applying for this award and (if relevant) a supporting letter from the host institution. Note that having a host is not a requirement for the award. We suggest you prepare these documents before completing the form.

**Please consult the guidance and eligibility requirements on our website ([link will go here](#)) before proceeding with the application.**

## Eligibility check

This section is to confirm you are eligible for the BiPS Research Excellence awards. **If you answer no to any of these questions, you are not eligible for the award.**

1. Do you self identify as Black or of Black heritage?

- Yes
- No

2. Are you currently in the middle years of your first degree at a university in the UK?

- Yes
- No

3. Which university are currently attending and what are you studying?

4. This Studentship is specifically for students interested in Plant Science. Please state which area of research you are interested in.

*Please select up to 3 of the research areas below or 'other' if your preference is not listed.*

- Genes, cells and populations
- Ecosystems and environmental change
- Plant biodiversity
- Reproduction, development and growth
- Data transfer, analysis and presentation
- Whole organism biology
- Biotechnology
- Genetic improvement of crop plants
- Plant microbe interactions
- Field crops
- Other:

# Application

Please attach PDF files of:

- A recent CV
- A covering letter explaining your interest in plant science, most recent achievements, and why taking part in this studentship is important for your career path
- A support letter from the hosting lab (this is not required to be successful)

Deadline for applications is **31 May 2024**.