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**The Porter Prize**

**Application form**

The purpose of this award is to recognise and support 1st and 2nd year undergraduate students who demonstrate a curiosity and drive for research.

We recognise the critical role research plays in solving important and long-term problems, and how students can be change agents. This award has, therefore, been created to support students to bring their research ideas to life by funding a summer research project with a strong chemistry focus.

Candidates for the Porter Prize must:

* be currently in their 1st or 2nd year of either a chemistry, biochemistry or chemical engineering degree at a UK university
* have identified a research project and supervisor
* have a willingness to participate in the Salters’ Institute’s activities and join our alumni network

As well as this candidates must demonstrate the following characteristics:

* **Commitment to research:** show some knowledge of the current chemical industry and the need for future innovation
* **Interest in public engagement:** demonstrate the ability to communicate and engage others in your research topic
* **Willing to be a positive influence**: show passion, skills, and motivation to influence change in the research field

***Please note, you will need to dedicate your summer to carrying out the research project you put forward within your application.***

**Important information about how to apply**

**Section A** should be completed by the applicant, this does not need to be shared with your proposed supervisor and the Salters’ Institute will not share information contained in Part A with your proposed supervisor.

**Section B** should be completed by the applicant with support of the proposed placement supervisor.

**Section C** should be completed by the proposed placement supervisor.

To process your application, we need to receive sections A, B and C by Friday 28th March. Section A should be sent by the applicant. Sections B and C can be sent by the applicant or directly by the proposed supervisor. All sections should be emailed to [awards@saltersinstitute.org](mailto:awards@saltersinstitute.org)

**Thank you to applicants and proposed supervisors for taking the time to complete this application form and supporting statement.**

**SECTION A - To be completed by the Applicant**

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| **Applicant’s Details** | **Degree(s) Details** |
| Title:  Full name:  Preferred Pronouns:  Email:  Phone: | University:  University degree:  Head of Department’s full name:  Head of Department’s email:  Address for correspondence: |
| **Placement** | |
| Location of proposed research project:  Proposed dates of summer research project:  Proposed Supervisor’s full name:  Proposed Supervisor’s email: | |
| We will prioritise applications from students who meet one or more of the following criteria   * Have been eligible for free school meals in secondary school * Are care-experienced   **If you meet one or more of the above criteria, please place a cross in the applicable box(es) below. If you do not meet either criteria, please leave the boxes blank.**  I have been eligible for free school meals whilst in secondary school.  I am care experienced | |

**APPLICANT’S SUPPORTING QUESTIONNAIRE**

**Building from your research proposal please complete the following questions to support your application. Each question has maximum of 200 words***.*

1. **What societal issue does the research you are hoping to conduct address? Why is this a topic that interests you?**
2. **How do you hope to develop your research beyond your summer project?**
3. **How have you engaged others in your chosen degree subject or research topic to date (e.g. blogs, outreach, articles, posters, social media) Please give specific examples.**
4. **Other remarks, including any further information in support of your application:**

**SECTION B - To be completed by the Applicant with support of the Placement Supervisor**

**Applicant’s Research Proposal**

**Your research proposal is a key part of your application. It tells us about the question you want to answer through your research. It is a chance for you to show your knowledge of the subject area and tell us about the methods you want to use.**

**Your research proposal must be no longer than 2 pages and should tell us the following:**

* **Relevance (why does your research matter? Why is it worth doing?)**
* **Context (what work have you already done to prepare you for this research?)**
* **Approach (what methods, resources and tools will you use to conduct your research? What data will you need to collect and how?)**
* **Feasibility (how long will the research take and what are the necessary steps you need to take to ensure that the research can be carried out?**
* **Impact (how does your research positively addresses a societal issue? What is the potential of this research to bring about change in your field and beyond?)**

**SECTION C - To be completed by the Placement Supervisor**

**SUPPORTING STATEMENT BY PLACEMENT SUPERVISOR**

**Applicant’s full name:**  
**Applicant’s email:**

**Supervisor’s Title:**

**Supervisor’s full name:**

**Preferred Pronouns:**   
**Email:**  
**Phone:**   
**University:**   
**University address:**

**How long have you known the applicant?:**

**You are asked to write in confidence about the applicant. Why have you chosen to support this individual’s proposed summer research project?**

Please provide an overview of why the proposed research is important and why you believe the student is suitable to undertake the proposed project. Please also indicate how you intend to support the student to undertake the project. Please email section C to [awards@saltersinstitute.org](mailto:awards@saltersinstitute.org)