**SPITFIRE Doctoral Training Partnership (DTP)**

**Application for Research Experience Placements Scheme 2019**

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| Student’s full name |  |
| Nationality |  |
| Student ID |  |
| Faculty/Academic Unit/Department |  |
| Degree currently studying (e.g., Bachelors, Integrated Masters)  |  |
| Degree subject |  |
| Start date of current degree |  |
| Proposed end date of degree |  |
| Email address |  |
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| Project: |  |
| Supervisor |  |
| Why are you interested in this project (max 500 words): |
| Referee name: | Referee email: |

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| **Documents must be provided/attached*****(please tick to confirm):*** **I have asked my referee to forward a reference to SPITFIRE**  | 🗌 CV🗌 *Degree transcript of marks to date or tutor statement indicating your mark profile* 🗌 Yes 🗌 No |
| Signed:  | Date: |
| **Application deadline: 12 Noon Friday, 10 May 2019, by email, with supporting documents to:** spitfire@southampton.ac.uk  |

**NERC REP Notes for Guidance**

The scheme has been introduced to address a recognized shortage of individuals with quantitative skills coming into environmental science and to encourage more of these individuals to consider a career in environmental research.

The SPITFIRE DTP has been allocated placement awards:

Each REP is for 8 to 10 weeks during the 2019 summer vacation. The value of each award is up to £2,500 to cover the minimum stipend of £200 per week to the student and a contribution of up to £500 towards research expenses during the placement.

## Eligibility of students

Selected students must meet all of the following criteria to be eligible for a REP. The students must:

* Be studying for an undergraduate degree in a quantitative discipline *outside of* [*NERC’s scientific remit*](http://www.nerc.ac.uk/research/portfolio/remit/) (e.g. mathematics, statistics, computing, engineering, physics).
* Be applying for a placement in a different department to their undergraduate degree. Be undertaking their first undergraduate degree studies (or integrated Masters).
* Be expected to obtain a first or upper second class UK honours degree.
* Be eligible for subsequent NERC PhD funding (i.e. UK, EU or right to remain in the UK).

## Research Projects

The proposed REP projects must:

* Have a clearly defined objective.
* Be within the [science remit of NERC.](http://www.nerc.ac.uk/research/portfolio/remit/)
* Be suitable for a student feasibly to complete within the timescale of the award.
* Include more than purely a computer/modelling component i.e. some element of fieldwork, data collection, activity to give an understanding of the wider context etc.
* Give scope for thought and initiative on the part of the student and should not use the student as a general assistant.
* Be based at an eligible UK research organisation.

**Reporting**

The student and the project supervisor at the host organisation will be required to complete a brief report on the outcome of the placement using the attached REP Final Report Form, returning to Spitfire DTP by **Monday, 7 October 2019.**