

Information for pharmacy undergraduates

Summer vacation placements 2020

Question:	Answer:
Name of Trust/Cluster	Royal Brompton & Harefield NHS Foundation Trust
How many vacation placements do you have for 2020?	15-20
Is the vacation experience paid or unpaid?	<i>unpaid</i>
Do you prioritise specific types of students? (eg 3 rd years) If yes, please provide details	3 rd year students only
When do applications open?	15/11/19
When do application close?	12/01/20
How should I apply for a vacation placement?	Via https://www.rbht.nhs.uk/our-services/clinical_support/pharmacy/summer-placements
When is the interview date?	There is no formal interview, students may be contacted via phone for follow up questions.
When will I be notified if I have been successful?	28/02/19
Who should I contact for more information or send the application to?	Steve Giddings, Lead Pharmacist – Education & Training - s.giddings@rbht.nhs.uk
Further information on the Trust:	

Royal Brompton & Harefield NHS Foundation Trust is the largest specialist heart and lung centre in the UK and among the largest in Europe. We work from two sites:

- Royal Brompton Hospital in Chelsea, West London
- Harefield Hospital near Uxbridge.

The Trust is a partnership of these two specialist hospitals which are known throughout the world for their expertise, standard of care and research success.

We carry out some of the most complicated surgery, and offer some of the most sophisticated treatment that is available anywhere in the world.

Among their many achievements, experts at the Trust:

- developed an award winning pharmacy-led programme to detect Atrial Fibrillation in the community <https://stage.rbht.nhs.uk/our-services/heart/heart-rhythm-centre/capture-af>
- performed the [first successful heart and lung transplant in Britain](#)
- implanted the UK's first coronary stent insertion
- pioneered intricate heart surgery for newborn infants born with a congenital heart disease
- lead the largest Cystic Fibrosis centre in Europe

Placements are based at either Royal Brompton or Harefield Hospital. A small number of projects will be cross-site and hospital transport can be used.

Summer student placements aim to be 50% project based (completing an audit/service evaluation or quality improvement project) and 50% clinical exposure to wards/clinics/MDT meetings. Each student will have their own clinical specialist lead but will also get the opportunity to see numerous sections of the department.

During your time with us you'll also get to spend time with our current cohort of pre-registration pharmacists. They will be able to share their experience of our training programme (ranked as "Outstanding" by HEE at their latest quality review). Our established summer student programme comes highly recommended, with a number of summer students returning each year as pre-registration pharmacists.