**SPITFIRE Doctoral Training Partnership (DTP)**

**Application for Research Experience Placements Scheme**

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| Student’s full name |  |
| Nationality |  |
| Student ID |  |
| Faculty/Academic Unit/Department |  |
| Degree currently studying (eg, 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: noon Friday, 2 June 2017, 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 6 placement awards.

Each REP is for 8 to 10 weeks during the 2017 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.

**Student Eligibility**

**ALL** of the following criteria must be met by the student:

* Studying for a degree in quantitative discipline outside of NERC’s scientific remit (eg, mathematics, statistics, computing, engineering, physics, chemistry) – this can be at Southampton or elsewhere in the UK
* Placement must be in a different department to the student’s undergraduate study
* Must be in the middle of their undergraduate study programme
* Expected to obtain a minimum upper second class UK honours degree
* Eligible for subsequent NERC PhD funding (UK, EU or Indefinite Leave to Remain in the UK)

**Research Project**

* Have a clearly defined objective
* Within the remit of NERC ([www.nerc.ac.uk](http://www.nerc.ac.uk))
* Suitable for a student to sensibly complete within the timescale of the award
* Give scope for thought and initiative on the part of the student and should not use the student as a general assistant
* To be based at an eligible UK research organisation, although some fieldwork can be included (within the funding limits)
* Include more than purely a computer/modeling component, i.e., some element of fieldwork, data collection, or activity to give an understanding of the wider context.

**Reporting**

The student and supervisor will be required to submit a brief report on the outcome of the bursary to NERC by 31 October 2017.