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STUDENTS GET A TASTE FOR RESEARCH WORK

Edinburgh Napier University,
Faculty of Health, Life and Social Sciences
Research Assistant Student Placement

Dr Clare Taylor is a principal investigator of medical microbiology with an interest in intracellular pathogens relevant to human health. Her research aims to understand the mechanisms that underpin invasion and infection.

Catherine and Caroline undertook research work in microbiology. They were each given a short project that they could work through with independence and responsibility to choose how each day was structured.

Dr Taylor said, ‘Placements are important to inspire young women and to give them a taste, as research in science is challenging and often repetitive. It’s good for them to see what it’s like in reality.’

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Don't take our word for it, hear what Catherine & Caroline say about their placement:



Catherine Russell, Heriot-Watt University
3rd year, Biological Science

Caroline Summers, University of Strathclyde
2nd Year, Biomedical Science

Catherine Russell said, 'The objective of my placement was to identify roles of genes within Salmonella which are involved in Cobalt absorption and conversion to cobalamine. I've learned lots of new lab skills which will really help me stand out with future job opportunities but it will also greatly aid me with my honours project. I am now considering doing a PhD'.

Caroline Summers said, 'I've been working with Listeria monocytogenes, specifically the genes that deal with cobalt tolerance. I learned techniques I had never heard of and worked with a lecturer who helped me to think for myself. I was overwhelmed initially but I now know what to expect in a practical lab, which has definitely increased confidence in my career choice.

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