



Research Work Placements Impact Report 2025

We are proud to share the outcomes of the 2025 Research Work Placements

SATRO's Research Work Placement programme is an opportunity for year 12 students to gain experience of working with a business or academic team on a short research project that is relevant to both the student's studies or future plans and the supervising organisations' objectives.

We are delighted that 2025 has been the largest programme so far, with more students and companies participating than ever before.

The RWP programme is one of the ways SATRO realises our mission to raise young people's aspirations and help them develop the employability skills and confidence to enter the world of work. By participating students have the opportunity to hone their research, teamwork, organisational and communication skills, and build links which help them gain meaningful insights into the opportunities available to them.

OUTCOMES

With a wide range of research areas, students enjoyed site visits, expert advice and guidance, and interview and presentation practice. Some projects are undertaken individually and some in groups, and results are presented in a variety of ways including films, papers, scientific posters and presentations. Projects qualify for the Crest Gold Award, which furthers students' university applications and one student had the opportunity to present to a representative from the Department of Energy Security and Net Zero on a subject relevant to his area of policy development.

The programme culminated in a celebration evening where students showcased their projects, met other participants and networked with representatives from the supporting companies. We are very grateful to British Land and LGC Group for letting us use the fantastic Priestley Building on Surrey Research Park and giving us tours of their new labs.



92 STUDENTS



17 COMPANIES & ACADEMIC TEAMS



25 RESEARCH PROJECTS



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WHAT STUDENTS SAY

"David and the team were supportive and approachable throughout, offering clear guidance and feedback that helped me develop my project to a high standard."

ANS Student

"I really enjoyed working on this project and found the experience to be both engaging and insightful. It has also given me a deeper understanding of how research can be applied in practice."

Thakeham Student

"I really enjoyed the project as it allowed me to further my research in a field I am interested in and increase my public speaking skills while presenting at the end."

Garreg Marketing Student

WHAT COMPANIES SAY

The companies that support with a research task find that it is a great way of developing their staff, contributing to their community and influencing the next generation of talent.

"The program, gives a great platform to the students. Your organisation's goal and activities are really touching many lives."

KBC Global

"Our employee's coaching skills really paid off - the change between the first meeting I sat in on and yesterday for both students was simply transformational. Success all round!"

Molecular Medical

SATRO ALUMNI NETWORK

This year we have also launched our new Alumni Network. Created to help our alumni continue to develop skills and make connections that will help them enter the workforce, the Network will be open to all students who have participated in a SATRO programme, including Research Work Placements and Vocational Skills. We believe that this will also help build and strengthen relationships with corporate partners who we want to help engage with future talent. We would love to hear from any businesses who would like to be involved in supporting the next generation continue to develop the skills and connections they need.



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