



Student Exchange Programme Invitation Letter

Dear Sir/Madam,

The **International Pharmaceutical Students' Federation (IPSF)** Student Exchange Programme (SEP) is a well-established scheme that has been encouraging mobility within pharmacy education since 1958. In Great Britain, SEP is coordinated by the **British Pharmaceutical Students' Association (BPSA)** in association with IPSF. Currently over 900 international pharmacy exchanges take place every year.

SEP provides both local and international students with an array of learning opportunities and exposes them to a whole new culture in a different country. In the past, institutions like the London School of Pharmacy and Lewisham Hospital have hosted international students, while BPSA have sent their members to work for prestigious institutions like the Harvard Medical School. Ultimately, all of them got the opportunity to professionally and personally develop, which the BPSA strongly stands for. The BPSA would therefore like to invite you to support our commitment to develop the future of pharmacy, and take part in the Student Exchange Programme.

What can you expect if you participate?

- To host an enthusiastic pharmacy student from abroad (according to your priorities), who is fluent English speaking and has some practical work experience.
- The placement usually takes place for two to four weeks for approximately 4-8 hours a day but can vary depending on your requirements. To maintain the quality of SEP, participants have to fulfil the requirement of 60 working hours in total during the exchange.
- The majority of the exchanges will happen between the months of May – September 2017.

What is usually expected from you as a Host?

- Hosts are responsible for introducing students to a working environment through a placement in community, hospital, industry or university research.
- The working hours and conditions can be agreed individually according to your requirements.



- Hosts are **not** required to sponsor exchange students financially as it is solely a voluntary placement and students are responsible for their expenses.
- Hosts are not usually expected to arrange accommodation for the student, however if accommodation is available for the student, this would be greatly appreciated.

Why host a student?

- Promotion of your pharmacy and/or company to more than 80 IPSF member organisations across the world and the opportunity to learn from the incoming student about pharmacy in another country.
- All legal and administrative work (i.e. visa, health and travel insurance and etc) and logistical arrangements such as off-work activities, accommodation and transportation are taken care of by the BPSA Student Exchange Officer (SEO).
- By hosting a student you enable us to send a UK student out on SEP placement abroad the following year.

What can you expect from the BPSA?

- The Student Exchange Officer (SEO) and the BPSA Local Exchange Officers will arrange the students' accommodation and social events during their stay in the UK.
- We will meet the student when they arrive and arrange their transport to work.

For further information on SEP please visit http://sep.ipsf.org/student_exchange_programme
To browse the participating countries please visit: <http://sep.ipsf.org/associations>. Should you have any queries, please feel free to contact me at this email or call me on the number below.

Thank you and I look forward to your reply.

Kind regards,

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