

12 weeks PIPS project 2026: Science Communication – STEM education

Background information

The ABPI exists to make the UK the best place in the world to research, develop and use new medicines. We represent companies of all sizes who invest in discovering the medicines of the future.

Our members supply cutting edge treatments that improve and save the lives of millions of people. We work in partnership with Government and the NHS so patients can get new treatments faster and the NHS can plan how much it spends on medicines. Every day, we partner with organisations in the life sciences community and beyond to transform lives across the UK.

As part of ABPI's work to communicate on the discovery, development, regulation and manufacture of medicines, we have an award-winning Resources for Schools website (<https://www.abpischools.org.uk/>) with interactive content and animations to support science teaching and learning for teachers and young people. The resources are in line with the curriculum, and many of them link topics studied in school to their application in industry and research. All our resources link science topics covered in school to the world outside and, particularly, to the treatment of disease.

Project offered

The ABPI is offering an exciting opportunity for a PIPS student to apply bioscience knowledge in a science communication context.

The ABPI dedicated website for schools aims to support teachers and students drive long term achievement and attainment in STEM subjects.

The ABPI retains a commitment to support STEM education at all levels through the development of resources to promote learning and engagement across key stages 1 to 5.

Particular areas under development are:

- Tackling mis- and disinformation
- Ethical use of animals in research
- Support for medical charities

This 12 week project will centre around the above areas with the student conducting online research, liaising with subject experts or other external stakeholders as appropriate, training on use of in-house software for content creation, and drawing on the student's own creativity and knowledge to produce written and interactive content focused primarily on key stage 5 Extended Project Qualification supporting material, as well as scope for producing some content for younger key stages.

The output of the project is expected to include:

- Review of desk-based research already undertaken
- Production of new resources linking to agreed objectives

- Content will be packaged for use on the ABPI award-winning schools' website

The student will be working within the Education & Examinations team and will liaise with colleagues across ABPI and within our member companies as required. Where there are opportunities for attendance at internal meetings or with pharmaceutical site companies, the student will be able to take advantage of these, alongside any other opportunities to build a personal network.

The successful applicant can expect to have a supervisor who would meet regularly for guidance and support.

Timing

The exact timing can be confirmed with the successful applicant, though likely undertaken across Q3 &/ Q4 2026 - negotiable for the right candidate. The project should be completed over the 12-week placement. This is a contract for Monday to Friday 9-5pm, with a one-hour lunch break.

Location

The ABPI have offices at 2nd Floor Goldings House, Hay's Galleria, 2 Hay's Lane, London, SE1 2HB, and currently adopt hybrid working – the exact number of days in the office/working remotely can be negotiable for the right candidate, so do not let location dissuade you from applying.

Benefits to student undertaking this project

This project is a great opportunity to gain and develop science communication experience, with similar projects in the past having provided opportunities to develop contacts which could be helpful to someone considering a future career in industry. The successful applicant can be expected to be treated as a member of the ABPI Education & Examinations Team that sits within the wider Medical Affairs Directorate, and as such, will benefit from professional development, cross functional working, interaction with wider stakeholders and an opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of the pharmaceutical industry.

Funding

We reimburse modest travel expenses when travelling to the London offices. If during the project you are invited to, and accept, an external visit, travel expenses and reasonable lunch expenses will be fully reimbursed.

Applications

A CV and covering letter should be sent to Andrew Croydon, Education & Examinations Policy and Partnerships Director, ABPI (acroydon@abpi.org.uk), before **Monday 25th May 2026**. Should you have any questions prior to applying, please do not hesitate to be in contact.