## Experience of PhD students on the Academy’s internship scheme:

*‘The internship at the Academy was one of the best experiences linked to my PhD. This is such a unique opportunity, I would encourage all PhD students to apply for these limited positions.’*

*‘I really enjoyed my time at the Academy, and it has definitely highlighted to me the importance of scientists and clinicians engaging in policy. I really hope in the future I will have the opportunity to contribute to policy as an academic or clinician. I would definitely recommend the scheme to others.’*

*‘Despite conducting my internship entirely remotely, I has made me feel incredibly welcome and really felt like part of the team, which is a testament to how kind and supportive everyone was.’*

*‘The internship programme has exceeded all my expectations – both in terms of responsibilities and the opportunities made available to me. The staff have all gone out of their way to welcome us, and I hope I can stay in touch long after my three months has expired.’*

*‘I think the main strength of the scheme is the opportunity to engage with so many people, from Academy staff from different teams to the Fellows as well as stakeholders from other organisations.’*

*‘I haven’t had exposure to so many high profile researchers in such a short space of time before.’*

Former interns planning an academic career have found their experience valuable; for others it has helped them to secure jobs in science policy and science communication.