Sheffield Students’ Union has a small fund (donated by an alumnus) to help current students gain community based experience. It’s main purpose is to support those who have faced financial barriers (such as having to work significant hours in term time) to gaining this experience whilst at University.

We’d especially encourage you to apply if you feel that you can demonstrate aptitude/ skills specific to the role (refer to candidate criteria in the specific role description) and say why this placement would be beneficial to you, but have very little or no paid/ voluntary experience in the charity or community sector.

Funding and partnership arrangements are in place for six paid placements this summer. Mindful of the current situation, we’d particularly encourage applications from students who haven’t had an opportunity like this before. If you wish, you can apply for more than one role, but must complete separate applications and note that a student will not be offered more than one role in 2020.

All applicants must fulfil the following criteria:

- registered undergraduate University of Sheffield student who is continuing their degree programme in 2020-21. This means that if you will graduate in 2020, you cannot apply.
- eligible to work in the UK (able to prove your ‘right to work’). International Students should refer to Student Advice Centre help here and email advice@sheffield.ac.uk if unsure.
- available to work 100 hours between 3rd August (or 22nd July for placement with Zest) and 13th September 2020 (pattern to be agreed with the host charity)
- never previously worked (paid or voluntary) for the particular charity that is hosting the SU 100 hours Third Sector role you are applying for
- not previously completed a work experience placement or internship, which was additional to degree course requirements (i.e co-curricular), whilst studying at the University of Sheffield
- not already secured a work experience placement or internship for Summer 2020
- had no previous (or very little) community volunteering experience whilst studying at the University of Sheffield
- able to articulate how the necessity to work during term time to fund basic living costs has reduced opportunity or capacity to do community volunteering whilst studying
- able to fulfil the criteria in the role description

All placements are with Sheffield charitable organisations, but not necessarily in person. Four roles are virtual and can be done online/remote. One role requires the successful candidate to be in Sheffield during the placement (Zest). For one role it would be beneficial if you are in Sheffield, but this is not essential (Darnall Allotment Project). Please check the individual role descriptions.

To apply, please fill out the relevant google form application, referring to the role-specific role description. Deadline for applications is Tuesday 16th June 2020, 11pm.