AIDAN HODGSON AWARDED 2025 EMERGING SCIENTIST INTERNSHIP WORTH UP TO $40K

Aidan was chosen for this internship based on his outstanding academic performance, independent research, and demonstrated leadership in both his studies and wider community involvement. His current project explores the interaction between climate change and honey been health and production. Through the internship, EpiVets is helping Aidan strengthen his literature review process, learn how to extract and statistically analyse research data using professional software, and understand how scientific insights move into commercial applications.

Aidan also embodies the qualities EpiVets looks for in its emerging scientists — a blend of curiosity, confidence, and ambition. He doesn't just think outside the box; he speaks up, takes risks, and seeks unconventional paths that lead to innovation.

"From the moment we connected with Aidan, it was clear he had a rare ability to think big and articulate his vision with maturity, a" says Emma Cuttance, Managing Director at EpiVets. "His academic record is impressive, but it's the combination of insight, initiative, and leadership that truly sets him apart."

The EpiVets Emerging Scientist Internship is a little different. It's not about shadowing professionals or completing a short-term placement — it's about giving talented students the chance to take a real-world project from idea to impact, with the full weight of EpiVets behind them. Interns will have their work supported and validated by industry experts, with one-on-one mentoring scheduled in focused blocks so they can take a genuine deep dive into their project. This tailored support ensures their approach is scientifically robust and that the final outcome is a credible, industry-informed project that truly stands out.

The programme is deliberately designed to complement the busy schedules of high-achieving students throughout the academic year. It adds momentum without taking away from existing commitments, giving students access to EpiVets' subject matter experts, world-class resources, and professional guidance. The result is a project — and an accolade — that carries lasting weight, preparing students to move confidently into their academic and professional futures. With a personalised reference from EpiVets, interns finish not only with experience but also with a powerful endorsement that sets them apart.

We created this internship to give back to the next generation of scientists," Cuttance continues. "Supporting students like Aidan is part of our commitment to empowering young scientists in our community. Our real investment is time and expertise. For students, it's about building credibility, networks, and a project that can genuinely stand out on a CV or scholarship application."

EpiVets continues to evolve from its clinical trial roots into research, data modelling, and regulatory consulting across New Zealand and Australia. The internship structure reflects this breadth — tailored to each student's goals and aligned with live projects. Interns not only receive mentoring but also gain exposure to EpiVets' coding, analytical, and pathways to commercialisation, giving them insight into how science shapes real-world solutions.

"Being awarded this internship has been a humbling experience," Aidan shared. "The team has been incredibly welcoming. I'm learning how to apply research techniques in ways I'd never seen at school — from statistical modelling to understanding how products can reach the market. It's an invaluable opportunity to see how science is translated into innovation."

The EpiVets Emerging Scientist Internship recognises that while the school curriculum builds strong academic foundations, it is mentorship, experience, and opportunity that elevate young thinkers. For students, it means leaving with more than just a title — they complete a project, gain references, build networks, and earn an accolade that sets them apart as future leaders in science and innovation.

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