



LSSI Post Graduate Research Student Placement Opportunity

An exciting opportunity has arisen for a PGR student to undertake a period of paid work with the Department of Health through a structured placement.

The Department of Health and Social Care is the branch of Her Majesty's Government responsible for policy on health and adult social care. It supports ministers in leading the nation's health and social care to help people live more independent, healthier lives for longer.

This placement project will involve working within the team at the Acute Care and Quality Directorate in Quarry House in Leeds. The placement will also include visits to the Department's London offices, near Parliament, where the rest of the team are based.

The placement will enable the PGR to develop their professional skills, enhance their career awareness and learn about the policy work of a major government department, as well as the role of research therein. The successful applicant will also have the opportunity to see how the wider Department of Health and Social Care works. The Department has over 500 staff in Leeds, and over 800 in London.

The placement activities will include assisting projects looking at:

- the evidence for how government can reduce the overall quantum of litigation costs in the NHS (some £84bn on the government balance sheet presently);
- whether and how to regulate clinical indemnity products for healthcare professionals.

Tasks and duties will include:

- Identifying, organising and assessing evidence relating to policy issues.
- Synthesising evidence to identify themes and issues.
- Developing and drafting reports and briefings for senior officials and potentially Ministers.
- Presenting findings in meetings
- Collaborating with a range of experts, including policymakers, lawyers, economists, statisticians, clinicians and commercial experts.

Skills Required

- Library catalogue searching skills.
- Content analysis skills.
- Development and drafting summaries of material collected.
- Communication and team-working skills.

Benefits and skills developed for the student

Key skills that the student might usefully develop would include: experience of policymaking process, particularly focused on evidence gathering and analysis; increased understanding of the health and indemnity sector; commercial awareness, particularly commercial considerations for government.

Timetable:

130 hours in total beginning as soon as possible and ending 31st March 2020

Weekly hours flexible and to be agreed

Student will receive a bursary of £1950 to cover their time and expenses on the placement

If you are interested in applying for this placement position please send:

- CV
- Cover Letter
- Email or signature from your Supervisor that they are happy for you to undertake the placement

To LSSI Coordinator Hannah Crow H.E.Crow@leeds.ac.uk by Monday 23rd December 2019.