

ONE YEAR / SUMMER ANALYTICAL STUDENT PLACEMENTS WITH THE GOVERNMENT OPERATIONAL RESEARCH SERVICE



Apply now for this exciting opportunity to spend your university **sandwich year or summer placement** at the heart of government in one of the many highest profile Government Departments we have to offer.

You must be studying a highly numerate degree and expecting to achieve a 2:1 or above. You must also be in at least your second year of study and returning to university after completing your placement.

What is being offered?

We have **year-long or summer placement** opportunities in locations across the UK. You will be a member of the professional body titled the 'Government Operational Research Service', and have the opportunity to gain professional and technical skills whilst working on some of the most interesting and pertinent problems currently facing the country. You will be working at the heart of central government and your conclusions will help shape national policy that will affect millions of people.

Our analytical teams cover a broad range of remits from dealing with resource allocation, workforce planning, forecasting, performance measurement, and strategic planning. Previous student projects have included:

- Informing impact assessments to provide balanced and objective views of the costs and benefits of policies;
- Designing a pilot study to test the impact of a new policy to increase the likelihood of unemployed people entering work;
- Analysing the impact of customer behaviour to identify different types of customers we interact with.

We offer opportunities to work with a wide range of customers and government analysts; working together to impact decisions made by senior officials.

Departments available include: Department for Work & Pensions, Home Office, HM Revenue & Customs, Office for National Statistics, Valuation Office Agency, Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy, Scottish Government, Department for Health & Social Care, Cabinet Office, Department for Science Innovation and Technology, Department for Levelling Up, Housing & Communities.

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What is in it for me?

You will have the opportunity to learn the skills required for professional life whilst working for organisations ranked in the top 10 graduate employers in the country as rated by the graduates themselves. The work will be high profile and you might find yourself working with requests from Ministers and other senior officials. You will:

- Work in departments promoting a healthy work-life balance and encouraging learning and development;
- Be exposed to multiple arms of government such as central policy, delivery of frontline services, finance and long term strategy;
- Work with a variety of professions e.g. analysts, policy, delivery, finance etc.;
- Have the opportunity to work in... Aberdeen, Birmingham, Bristol, Cambridge, Cardiff, Croydon, Darlington, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Leeds, Liverpool, London, Manchester, Newcastle, Newport, Nottingham, Salford, Sheffield, Titchfield, Treforest, Wolverhampton or York.

Who are we looking for?

We are looking for bright, forward-thinking students from numerate subject areas such as mathematics, physics, operational research, statistics and engineering.

Being highly numerate is only the starting point for our student analysts; we expect you to build on your technical skills and work towards successfully influencing policy decisions by presenting your analysis effectively in meetings, producing written reports and giving oral presentations.

We take on students who are interested in learning modelling, statistical and computing skills and have the drive and personality to work effectively both on their own and in a team.

For more information about GORS, full eligibility criteria, details on how to apply for both the sandwich and summer placement and for hints and tips please visit:

www.operational-research.gov.uk/recruitment/students

Email: analytical.studentplacement@dpw.gov.uk

Application opening/closing dates: Open now, closes on the **27th October 2023**

Interviews will be held during **w/c 20th and 27th November 2023** virtually

Please check your eligibility before applying. Due to the nature of work, GORS placements are not open to first year undergraduates.



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