

ONE YEAR AND SUMMER ANALYTICAL STUDENT PLACEMENTS WITH THE GOVERNMENT OPERATIONAL RESEARCH SERVICE IN MANY UK GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS



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

Sandwich: You must be studying a highly numerate degree, expecting to achieve a 2:1 or above, and be returning to university after completing your placement. It isn't open to first years.

Summer: You must be in at least your 2nd year of university studying a highly numerate degree and expecting to achieve a 2:1 or above. If you have graduated, you will only be eligible if you are going on to do further study.

What is being offered?

We have **year-long** and **10-12 week 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 for our **year-long** placement include Department for Work & Pensions, HM Revenue & Customs, Home Office, Department for Health & Social Care, Department for Education and Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy. **Summer** placements include Department for Work & Pensions, Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy, Department for Transport, Department for Levelling Up, Housing & Communities and Department of Health & Social Care.

What's 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 including analysts, policy, delivery and finance specialists;
- Have the opportunity to work in...

Sandwich : London, Darlington, Fareham, Liverpool, Newport, Sheffield, Leeds, Manchester, Newcastle, Bristol, Coventry, Salford or Croydon.

Summer: Birmingham, Hastings, Leeds, London, Manchester, Newcastle, Salford, Sheffield or Wolverhampton.

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/tips please visit:

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

Email: **analytical.studentplacement@dwp.gov.uk**

Sandwich and Summer opening and closing dates:

Applications are **OPEN NOW** and **close on the 20th March 2022**

Interviews will be held virtually during **w/c 25th April 2022**

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