



Q-Step Summer Work Placements 2015

In summer 2015 we hope to place up to 46 students in think-tanks, local government departments, market research organisations and research groups in Greater Manchester, London, Sheffield and other cities.

The aim is to undertake quantitative real-world data analysis in a research context.

- Places will be competitive
- Placements are open to students on eligible degree courses, taking the pre-requisite course units – see Who Can Apply: www.manchester.ac.uk/q-step/summer-placements/who-can-apply/
- Placements are 6-8 weeks long; students will be paid monthly

Timetable for 2015

- YouGov placements will be advertised end of February, interviews in March
- Other placements will be advertised mid-April, applications in May, interviews in May/June
- All placements will start by agreement with the organisation, no sooner than last week in June. Last year most placements took place in July and August
- Applications by letter and CV, with details placed on the How to Apply webpage at www.manchester.ac.uk/q-step/summer-placements/how-to-apply/

Q-Step Internships Summer 2014

The University of Manchester's Q-Step Centre started its internship programme in summer 2014. This poster captures what happened in our pilot year

Facts

- 19 students
- 20 projects
- 10 organisations
- 2 cities: London and Manchester

Polling organisations, think-tanks, City Council, research consultancies, market research organisations.
Placement and academic supervisor for each student
Use of real world data and applied, policy-relevant research

Degree Programmes

- 1 BASS (BA in Social Sciences) Sociology
- 1 BASS (BA in Social Sciences) Sociology and Politics
- 4 BSocSci Sociology
- 4 BSocSci Politics and International Relations
- 4 BA Criminology
- 3 BA Linguistics
- 1 BA Linguistics and Sociology
- 1 BA History and Sociology

Our Partner Organisations

- Think tanks: POLICY FIRST, FUTURE LEADERS, NEW ECONOMY
- Universities: MANCHESTER, UCL
- Polling organisations: YouGov
- Data consultancies and services: INTEGRITY, Audience.net
- Local government: MANCHESTER

Project Timetable

Project development	Oct - Mar
Advertise projects	Apr - May
Interview	Jun
Training	Jul
Projects run	Jul - Sep
Evaluation	Ongoing

What we learned

- Co-develop the project – start early
- Work with others – Careers service, students support, HR departments
- Manage expectations and give support from all sides
- Keep in touch (Facebook group)
- Target the training
- Celebrate success
- Capture stories – and share these with others
- Use employer feedback on key skills to inform the contents of Methods teaching

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