

## LSE DTP (Doctoral Training Partnership) Information for Placement Partners

The LSE DTP's Research in Practice programme links PhD students from across LSE to potential placement hosts.

PhD students can make excellent collaborators for a variety of organisations. They are experts in their fields and have a diverse array of methodological research skills that can be applied to numerous contexts. Students from almost every department at LSE can undertake placements.

LSE Doctoral Training Partnership is looking for partners who want PhD students for placements. These placements could take a variety of forms. Students may be required to undertake a research project, work on an area of policy, or across of range of areas in one organisation. The placement does not need to focus on a student's research area, it is designed to provide opportunities for using methodological skills in new settings.

Often PhD students will be experts in different qualitative or quantitative research methodologies, which might be valuable for host organisations.

Considerations for PhD student placements:

- **Length:** Ideally, these placements would last for three months full time, or sixth months part time, however shorter placements are possible. Students must be able complete the required work in the time allotted.
- **Outputs:** What will students need to produce during their placement? Students can fill a variety of roles during their placement, however, it is likely that they will use their research or methodological expertise in some capacity.
- **Data:** What data from your organisation will be shared with the student? Are there confidentiality concerns about this data? Can students use data collected during placements on in their own research? LSE DTP does not take a position on data sharing; students are able to sign confidentiality agreements at their discretion. However, some agreement on data sharing must be completed in advance.
- **Payment:** Students will receive their normal doctoral stipend from LSE during their placement and so are not entitled to payment. They may receive a stipend from the placement provider to cover travel or relocation costs.
- **Management and working pattern:** Students may work for organisations in a variety of ways, including fully remote work. Ideally students will be assigned a line manager during their placement and undergo periodic reviews on their progress.

Placement hosts would need to undertake a short due diligence process and sign a terms and conditions statement. Both documents are available on request.

Placement opportunities will be advertised directly to students. The application format is determined by the placement host. This can include, but is not limited to, a CV, cover letter, writing sample, and interview.

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