

NCRM Placement Fellowship

“Innovative approaches to using big and open and/or administrative data for ageing related local decision making”

(Centre for Ageing Better)

Placement Specification

Background

The NCRM Placement Fellowships aim to place academic social scientists in non-academic research organisations (e.g. central, local or devolved government department, or third sector organisation) to work on well-defined methodological research problems identified by the non-academic organisation for periods lasting between three and six months. The Placement scheme will run between July 2017 and June 2019.

NCRM are working with the policy units at Southampton, Manchester, and Edinburgh universities and in conjunction with non-academic partner organisations to develop *pre-specified placements*. These placements are defined around a problem area, set out a person specification and specify expected outputs and timetable.

Details of the placement opportunity

NCRM is delighted to advertise the second round of its placement fellowship scheme in collaboration with the **Centre for Ageing Better**. The Centre is looking to explore the applicability, challenges and benefits of using, in the context of local ageing related policy and practice, innovative analytical approaches using and linking big, open and/or administrative data in support of better local decision making across time, place and ageing outcome areas (such as housing, wellbeing, employment, and health and social care).

The Centre has received expressions of interest to participate in the project from 11 local councils so far – many of which have outlined specific issues or ideas. The successful candidate will work with the Centre’s steering group for this project to agree and define the shape of the project and the ways in which (some of) these localities might be involved and the precise deliverables from the project. However, it is expected that the project would involve scoping out the potential of using innovative quantitative analytical methods and approaches to the analysis of big, open and/or administrative data in a sample of these localities. There is potential to undertake some focused analytical work with one or more localities around a specific analytical challenge once initial scoping and exploratory work is complete.

Start date and duration

The approximate start date for this placement is October 2017. This is a six-month full or part-time placement.

Eligibility

The placement is open to post-doctoral academic staff from Early Career Researchers through to senior Professors. Academics from any University in the UK are eligible under this scheme.

Eligible Costs

Funds provided under the placement scheme will cover directly incurred (DI) replacement salary costs and reasonable travel costs (at 80% Full Economic Costs) only.

Reporting

The successful applicant will be required to prepare a final report highlighting the outcomes of their placement, including an expenditure statement no later than three months after the end of the placement. Any publications or promotional material must acknowledge the support of NCRM.

Review

Applications will be reviewed by the NCRM Research Directorate and representatives of the Centre for Ageing Better and, and will be assessed against the following criteria:

- The applicant has relevant experience and is a good fit with the person specification
- The budget requested is fully justified and reasonable.

How to apply

Applicants should refer to the [Role and Person Specification](#) before submitting an application.

Applicants for this placement opportunity should complete the [Application Form](#) and send it, along with the supporting documentation requested, to Penny White, Research Co-ordinator at NCRM (P.C.White@southampton.ac.uk). Applications must be submitted by **16:00 on 6 September 2017**.

Queries can be directed to either Alexandra Frosch, Centre Manager at NCRM (A.S.Frosch@soton.ac.uk) or Julie Cantalou, Senior Policy Manager at Public Policy | Southampton (j.cantalou@soton.ac.uk). For an informal discussion with the Centre for Ageing Better, please contact matt.baumann@ageing-better.org.uk