

NCRM Placement Fellowship

“National Security Risk Management Spending” (Government Office for Science & Cabinet Office)

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 launch the placement scheme with a placement fellowship in collaboration with the **Government Office for Science (GO Science) and the Cabinet Office**. GO Science is looking to undertake a focused research project to review, assess, and develop integrated-assessment modelling methods for possible government use in the comparative cost-benefit analysis of risk management spending. The project will complement and interact with a current review of existing published studies on cost-benefit analysis of risk management spending. It will contribute to wider feasibility studies currently in hand on prospects for use of cost-benefit analysis to inform decisions on risk prioritisation, acceptance, and resource allocation.

The proposed placement will review existing and potential new approaches to cost benefit analysis modelling for risk management with the aim of recommending a practicable method for use across the spectrum of national security risks. Subject to progress and to departmental capability, the placement may offer an opportunity to test use of such a method in forthcoming work.

Start date and duration

The approximate start date for this placement is late July/early August 2017. This is a SIX month ideally full time placement (although other models of working can be explored).

Eligibility

The placement is open to academic staff at all levels, 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 GO Science, 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 **16:30 on Friday 23 June 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).