



White Rose Doctoral Training Partnership (WRDTP) Research in Practice (RinP) Placement Opportunity

The following information has been provided by the Host Organisation and outlines the placement opportunity available. Any queries about this placement should be addressed to the Host Organisation at the details provided below.

All placements must meet the criteria listed in the [WRDTP RinP Placement Framework](#).

This opportunity is aimed at Postgraduate Researchers who have funding through a Doctoral Training Partnership to undertake a placement as part of their studentship.

Host Details	
Name of Host Organisation:	Global Food and Environment Institute at the University of Leeds
Host location:	University of Leeds Campus, LS2 9JT
Brief description of the Host Organisation: <i>Please include a link to a website if you have one.</i>	Global Food and Environment Institute (GFEI) is a cross faculty interdisciplinary research institute here at Leeds University. You can find out more information about us on our webpage and through our linkedIn account . The Global Food and Environment Institute (GFEI) brings together interdisciplinary expertise to address the complex challenges at the intersection of food systems, climate change, biodiversity, and social justice.
Host contact details:	<i>Any queries about this opportunity should be addressed to the Host Organisation:</i> globalfood@leeds.ac.uk

Project Description	
Background/ expected impact of the project:	<p>As part of GFEI's commitment to fostering impactful research and engagement, GFEI is organising a major conference in Spring 2026 that will convene academics from across campus along with key external stakeholders to explore innovative solutions for sustainable food and environmental futures.</p> <p>To support the planning and delivery of this event, we are offering a placement opportunity for a PhD student with a strong interest in sustainability, communications, and event coordination. The successful candidate will play a key role in embedding sustainability principles throughout the conference</p>

	<p>design and delivery, ensuring that the event reflects GFEI's values and contributes to broader institutional and sectoral sustainability goals.</p> <p>This placement offers a unique opportunity to gain hands-on experience in project management, stakeholder engagement, and sustainability communications within a dynamic interdisciplinary research environment. The role will involve close collaboration with the GFEI team, university services, and external partners, and will provide valuable professional development in both academic and applied contexts.</p> <p>There may also be opportunities to contribute to the development of communications and public engagement activity within the Institute as part of a placement.</p>
Expected output(s)/ deliverable(s):	A successful conference with sustainability aspects highlighted at the event and through our communications around the event.
Support for Postgraduate Researcher:	The successful candidate will join the GFEI management team led by the GFEI Manager and GFEI Director. They will work alongside other members of the team including the GFEI Administrator and Comms Manager. All members of the team will help support the researcher.
Skills and experience required for the project:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experience of working proactively and collaboratively as part of a team and/or wider stakeholders to develop and deliver projects. • Strong organisational skills and familiarity with organising events, including venue coordination, scheduling, accessibility considerations, and sustainability-focused logistics (e.g. catering, travel, materials). • Strong verbal communication and presentation skills, with the ability to support and run activities relating to sustainability to a range of audiences. • Strong written skills in report writing. • The ability to develop creative, accessible and engaging communications content across a range of platforms, for example through blog posts and social media. • A strong understanding of and enthusiasm for sustainability. • Awareness of how to make events and communications inclusive and accessible to diverse audiences, including underrepresented groups. • An understanding of how to develop effective marketing and communications plans and measure their success.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experience of using digital communications platforms such as LinkedIn, Bluesky, Canva. • Ability to design and implement feedback mechanisms and evaluate the impact of sustainability initiatives or communications efforts.
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Key Information	
Ideal start date:	January 2026
Project duration:	3 months (or longer if part-time)
Full-time or part-time: <i>e.g. 37.5 hours per week or usually 18-19 hours per week</i>	Full-time (or open to discussing part-time)
In-person, online or hybrid:	Hybrid with some time on campus each week
Security/ health and safety restrictions (if relevant):	None applicable
Anticipated costs and financial support the Host can offer to help cover these (if relevant): <i>e.g. travel and subsistence costs.</i>	GFEI will offer to cover any travel or subsistence costs that come up as part of this role, but travel is not expected.

How to Apply	
Closing date and time for applications:	Friday 17th October
Application format: <i>e.g. CV, cover letter, application form, etc</i>	CV and cover letter (500-words max) to evidence how you fit the project requirements, skills and what you can bring to this role.
How to submit an application:	Send your CV and cover letter to globalfood@leeds.ac.uk with the subject line "WRDTP - Placement application"