



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:	Institute for Sustainable Food and Institute for Global Sustainable Development, University of Sheffield
Host location:	Sheffield
Brief description of the Host Organisation: <i>Please include a link to a website if you have one.</i>	<p>The Institute for Sustainable Food is a research centre at the University of Sheffield, addressing the global challenges of food security and sustainability: https://sheffield.ac.uk/sustainable-food</p> <p>The Institute for Global Sustainable Development is an international centre of excellence, uniting researchers from different disciplines to address global challenges in collaboration with partners and communities worldwide. https://sheffield.ac.uk/gsd</p>
Host contact details:	<p><i>Any queries about this opportunity should be addressed to the Host Organisation:</i></p> <p>p.ngwenya@sheffield.ac.uk</p>

Project Description	
Placement role title: <i>e.g. Project Assistant</i>	Project Research Assistant
Background/ expected impact of the project:	<p>Make it Grow is a Knowledge Exchange project, affiliated to the Institute for Sustainable Food (ISF) and the Institute for Global Sustainable Development (IGSD). <i>Make it Grow</i> supports marginalised community groups to develop, express and</p>

	fundraise for their food-related project ideas through the creation of Participatory Video Proposals. Since 2021, the project has empowered 25+ communities in Zimbabwe to share their stories, co-design and pitch food projects. Communities co-created video proposals to apply for small grants, to implement a range of context-relevant initiatives. This year, we are conducting some further monitoring and evaluation work, to understand and evidence the outcome and impacts of the community food projects.
Outline of duties:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data organisation, analysis & reporting. Data (gathered from the partner organisations) needs to be synthesised and visualised into a communicative Impact Report and Presentation. • Creation of an organised database of “impact evidence” • Editing/reviewing of previous reports (from 2021-25) • Contribution to a public engagement output (to give back to the community groups), e.g. a booklet • If interested, participation as co-author in a paper for publication.
Expected output(s)/ deliverable(s):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Production of a project report and presentation. • Creation of an organised database of “impact evidence” • Previous reports (x 4 from 2021-25) prepared for open access dissemination
Support for Postgraduate Researcher:	Supervision will be provided by Dr Pamela Richardson based in the School of Geography and Planning, University of Sheffield.
Skills and experience required for the role:	Experience of undertaking qualitative data analysis; understanding of social surveys and interviews; report/article writing
<p>Please note: The recruiter is also currently advertising a 13-week part-time Video Production Assistant role with the Make it Grow team to produce a video documentary to evidence the outcome and impact of community food projects in Zimbabwe. Interested researchers may wish to combine both of the advertised roles to create the equivalent of 3-months placement activity.</p>	

Key Information	
Placement ideal start date:	2 March 2026
Placement duration:	13 weeks
Full-time or part-time:	Part-time (working hours to be agreed)

e.g. 37.5 hours per week or usually 18-19 hours per week	
In-person, online or hybrid:	Hybrid
Security/ health and safety restrictions (if relevant):	N/A
Anticipated costs and financial support the Host can offer to help cover these (if relevant): e.g. travel and subsistence costs.	Costs will be minimal as remote working is possible, but travel costs may be payable for face-to-face meetings if the researcher is not based in Sheffield.

How to Apply	
Closing date and time for applications:	10th Jan, 2026
Application format: e.g. CV, cover letter, application form, etc	<p><i>Please confirm on your application that you are a Postgraduate Researcher who has funding through a DTP to undertake a placement as part of your studentship and indicate which DTP you are a member of.</i></p> <p>Short CV and cover letter providing evidence of relevant skills and experience.</p>
How to submit an application:	By email to p.ngwenya@sheffield.ac.uk
Recruitment process:	<p><i>The Host Organisation is responsible for processing the applications received for this opportunity and applications will be processed as follows:</i></p> <p>Shortlisting of applications will be conducted by the project leader. Shortlisted candidates will then be invited for an interview (online or face-to-face) by mid-late January.</p>