



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>	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 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
Host contact details:	<i>Any queries about this opportunity should be addressed to the Host Organisation:</i> p.ngwenya@sheffield.ac.uk

Project Description	
Placement role title: <i>e.g. Project Assistant</i>	Video Production Assistant
Background/ expected impact of the project:	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

	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:	• Video (both edited productions and raw video clips) logging/organisation, transcription, and editing. • Video testimonials and community video reports (created by the partner organisations) to be synthesised into a video documentary (or series of shorts) about the project. • Creation of an organised database of “impact evidence”. • Contribution to a public engagement output (to give back to the community groups), e.g. a booklet with QR code links to the audio-visual content. • If interested, participation as co-author in a paper for publication.
Expected output(s)/ deliverable(s):	• Video documentary production, mainly using secondary (participatory) video content, but with some new content required (via remote methods to). Aiming for a 20-30 minute edited final production. • Contribution of video content from different community projects, that can be hyperlinked in a booklet for NGOs. • Spreadsheet creation (for data management), with hyperlinks to raw video data, filed in a well-organised manner.
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 and general understanding of social research methods; video editing and production.
Please note: The recruiter is also currently advertising a 13-week part-time Project Research Assistant role with the Make it Grow team to understand and evidence the outcome and impacts 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.	

Key Information	
Placement ideal start date:	2 March 2026
Placement duration:	13 weeks
Full-time or part-time: <i>e.g. 37.5 hours per week or usually 18-19 hours per week</i>	Part-time (working hours to be agreed)
In-person, online or hybrid:	Hybrid (but mostly online)
Security/ health and safety restrictions (if relevant):	N/A
Anticipated costs and financial support the Host can offer to help cover these (if relevant): <i>e.g. travel and subsistence costs.</i>	Costs will be minimal as mostly conducted online. 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: <i>e.g. CV, cover letter, application form, etc</i>	Short CV and cover letter providing evidence of relevant skills and experience.
How to submit an application:	By email to p.ngwenya@sheffield.ac.uk
Recruitment process:	<i>The Host Organisation is responsible for processing the applications received for this opportunity and applications will be processed as follows:</i> 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.