



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.

This role has now closed for applications.

Host Details

Name of Host Organisation:	University of York (York Graduate Research School)
Host location:	University of York campus, Heslington, York
Brief description of the Host Organisation: <i>Please include a link to a website if you have one.</i>	https://www.york.ac.uk/research/graduate-school/
Host contact details:	<i>Any queries about this opportunity should be addressed to the Host Organisation:</i> ygrs@york.ac.uk Informal contact about the placement opportunity prior to formal application is welcomed.

Project Description

Placement role title: <i>e.g. Project Assistant</i>	Project Coordinator
Background/ expected impact of the project:	The York Graduate Research School (YGRS) connects more than 2,000 postgraduate researchers (PGRs) across all disciplines and brings together the support PGRs need to make the most of their research project. In supporting a diverse range of PGRs, YGRS is seeking to better understand the University's commuting researchers; and to understand the housing requirements and choices of all our PGRs (except for distance learners). This project will focus on data collection and analysis of our PGRs commuting and housing preferences, choices and

	behaviour. As well as collecting and understanding the raw data of the researchers, we are looking to understand the decisions which lead to PGRs commuting; primarily if this is a desirable or forced situation for our researchers. We also want to understand PGRs housing preferences, choices and constraints, both for those who live in York and elsewhere. This project will necessitate working with academics, professional staff at the University, as well as with our PGRs community.
Outline of duties:	• Desk-based research on commuter and non-commuter non-distance learning research students at the University of York. • Conducting a survey of research students at the University of York about commuting and housing preferences, choices and constraints. • Analysis of data from both the above mentioned survey and from existing student data. • Write papers and reports as required.
Expected output(s)/ deliverable(s):	A written report and the delivery presentation to the York Graduate Research School leadership team and the Commuter Student project group.
Support for Postgraduate Researcher:	Support will be provided by Professor Paul Wakeling, the Dean of YGRS, as well as professional support staff within YGRS. Support will include guidance on YGRS policies, University systems and protocols, as well as on the YGRS context for PGRs. Prof Wakeling is an experienced social science researcher and PhD supervisor with experience in survey design and conduct and will provide supervision and guidance on the project.-
Skills and experience required for the role:	• Ability to develop and deploy surveys. • Ability to complete ethics approval applications as required. • Experience in data collection and analysis. • Experience in supplying evaluation data. • Communicate effectively in verbal and written formats, including the use of a variety of digital tools and for non-academic audiences. • Gather, analyse, interpret and report complex data/information. • Ability to work credibly with researchers, academics and support staff, including senior managers • Further desirable but not essential attributes include ability to conduct interviews and knowledge of research on the student housing market

Key Information	
Placement ideal start date:	1 June 2026
Placement duration:	3 months full-time or 6 months part-time
Full-time or part-time: <i>e.g. 37.5 hours per week or usually 18-19 hours per week</i>	Either is acceptable
In-person, online or hybrid:	Hybrid preferred
Security/ health and safety restrictions (if relevant):	Since the project will involve some use of student data, abiding by data protection and non-disclosure protocols will be vital.
Anticipated costs and financial support the Host can offer to help cover these (if relevant): <i>e.g. travel and subsistence costs.</i>	This placement is offered on an unpaid basis. The host organisation will not cover your PhD funding during the placement. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that their programme funding will continue during the placement. Travel costs may be available for those based outside of York.

How to Apply	
Applicant eligibility:	This opportunity is only accepting applications from Postgraduate Researchers who began receiving funding from the White Rose DTP in or after Autumn 2024 to undertake a Research in Practice (RinP) placement as part of their studentship. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that the placement meets the criteria specified by their programme and university and that they secure the necessary permissions from their university before commencing the placement.
Closing date and time for applications:	This role has now closed for applications.
Application format: <i>e.g. CV, cover letter, application form, etc</i>	Please send a CV and a cover letter setting out your suitability for the placement (max 3 pages A4).
How to submit an application:	Complete the WRDTP Placement Application Form

Recruitment process:	<i>The Host Organisation is responsible for processing the applications received for this opportunity and applications will be processed as follows:</i> Each application received by the application closing date will be reviewed against the criteria. Should there be multiple applications received, applicants who meet the criteria will be interviewed and the placement offered to the best-performing applicant.
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