

The Reinvention Centre

For Undergraduate Research

Paid Summer Research Opportunity for Undergraduate Students

We are seeking up to 4 undergraduate students who would like the opportunity to work as part of a research team carrying out documentary analysis.

You will work on the early stages of a new project called the Kings Project. This project is a joint venture between the University of Warwick and Kings College London, and it is concerned with exploring graduate capabilities in research intensive higher education institutions and the provisions made by higher education institutions to all their students to develop these capabilities. Five graduate capabilities have been identified:

- interdisciplinary study
- learning within a research-led environment
- demonstrating global knowledge
- being engaged with the community, internationally as well as in the UK
- developing skills related to their discipline

What will the research involve?

The research will involve undertaking a documentary analysis of materials produced by different departments at the University of Warwick in order to build an understanding of how departments make provisions in their curricula and teaching to encourage students to develop in the five graduate capability areas. The research aims to identify strengths in educational provision across the university and also to identify possible areas of improvement in educational provision.

This analysis will involve examining both materials produced by departments and also department web-based resources, including, for example, course prospectuses, course outlines and learning objectives.

Throughout the project the research team will make use of a secure webpace in which they will deposit their findings and their analysis.

What do you need to be able to offer?

An interest in documentary research methods, as well as a broader interest in research in general. An awareness of issues around teaching and learning in higher education and/or an interest in developing your knowledge in this area.

You will need to be willing to carry out training (which will be provided) as necessary.

You will need to be willing to work independently and also as part of a research team.

You may need to travel on occasions for research purposes (UK based travel only, most likely to and from the Warwick campus) for which all expenses will be paid.

What will you get in return?

Paid employment for approximately 6-8 weeks of the summer vacation that has the potential to lead into further employment as a researcher with the Reinvention Centre working on the Kings Project beyond this initial role.

You will form part of a larger team of students and staff from the Reinvention Centre and you will be provided with training, support and supervision from the Reinvention Centre.

You will gain first-hand experience of documentary analysis research, and potentially of other research methods.

The Application Process

You will need to fill in an application form and there will also be a short interview.

Deadline for the application form to be submitted: **Friday 26th June by 5 pm.**

Interviews will be held as soon as possible after that date.

Informal enquiries to Danny Wilding d.wilding@warwick.ac.uk