

Student Research Associates

Social Mobility Student Research Hub

The Social Mobility Student Research Hub is a great opportunity to lead your own research project develop valuable transferable skills, try out real life research, enhance your CV and career prospects.

This project will start in March and run for six months. There will be flexible hours, and we anticipate you will need to complete approximately 50 hours.

There is a stipend for £1,100.00, this will be paid in three installments during the research process.

Role

We are seeking twenty undergraduate and postgraduate taught researchers from under-represented backgrounds to propose, plan and then carry out a research project over several months in areas related to widening participation (WP), inequality, diversity and/or inclusion.

Please note that with the exception of Sanctuary Scholars, these WP opportunities are open only to UK students who are classified as 'Home' students for tuition fee purposes and who meet one or more criteria related to their backgrounds. The criteria applicants may meet are listed below, these include:

These opportunities are being offered specifically to students from under-represented backgrounds in recognition of the valuable insights, experiences, and perspectives they can bring to research and the competing challenges which can exclude them from taking part. To start to address some of these disparities we are setting up a 'Social Mobility Student Research Hub', where students are funded to conduct research.

As an undergraduate, or postgraduate taught researcher, you will work over a period of several months, either on your own, in a pair or small group, to carry out a piece of research. This could take many forms, but should be related to issues around widening participation (WP), inequality and/or inclusion in the community, education, or similar field.

As part of the process you will have access to a Postgraduate Mentor, who will offer advice, guidance and support on a regular basis. They will help supervise your project from the planning phase through to completion.

At the end of the academic year, the university will host a conference, where you will have the opportunity to tell other peers, staff members and the wider community about your work. You can present your work in a range of formats, which will be discussed closer to the time. Further to this opportunity to take part in an internal event, you will also receive up to £300.00 to attend external conferences, events, or related activities.

Your research can be conducted remotely from the university and contact time with your mentor can be face-to-face or online. There will be a requirement for you to attend workshops and other campus-based events as and when required. We anticipate that this role will involve up to 50 hours of work in total.

What will you be doing?

Carrying out original, individual and/or collaborative research

Organising your own time and planning your research

Working to deadlines as required

Preparing and delivering your work to a wider audience (which can in a variety of formats)

Participating in mentee/mentor meetings on a regular basis

Complying with all health and safety and ethics requirements for research activities

Attending and supporting the conference at the end of the academic year.

Attending campus events to help promote the work of the 'Social Mobility Student Research Hub'

Please see below some of the widening participation characteristics which may be applicable to you:

You were eligible for Free School Meals while at secondary school

You come from a background where your household income is below £35,001

You come from an area with low progression rates to higher education

You are in receipt of a Warwick Bursary or other means tested financial support

You are a student with disabilities - including seen and unseen disabilities, specific learning differences, mental health difficulties, autistic spectrum disorder or any other disabling condition

You are a mature student who entered higher education over the age of 21

You have spent time in local authority care, either in a foster home or a group home

You are an estranged student who is not supported by their parents

You have caring responsibilities - this could include physical, practical or emotional care

Neither of your parents attended university and gained a degree (e.g. BA/BSc or equivalent) - excluding if they were/are a mature student