

## STUDENT RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

**Are you looking for part time work?**

**Would you like to be involved in an innovative student led project to change the way the University teaches and operates?**

**Are you interested in developing your knowledge and experience of teaching and learning?**

This is a unique opportunity to join a team of student researchers and be a part of a pioneering student led project: "Students as Leaders, a Campus of Ideas". This project is an innovative collaboration between Estates, IATL and the student community and will explore how students can be leaders in their own learning and challenge existing conceptions of teaching and knowledge.

As part of the ongoing student led project to build a sustainable low carbon building on campus, (led by Engineers Without Borders Warwick), you will be responsible for researching and capturing learnings about how students can be more involved in the teaching and learning process.

These roles are personal and professional development opportunities and those involved will have the opportunity to continue to help shape the learning outcomes for future students. For example, you will work alongside an external architect who has been engaged to run a participatory workshop and help advance the potential construction of the building and you can be involved in designing and convening a brand new undergraduate module or engagement toolkit.

### **PG Student Researcher**

The PG Student Researcher will be employed for **15 hours a week for 38 weeks** between October 2016 and May 2017, at the rate of **£11 per hour**. The work is flexible and can be organised to suit your schedule. Although some work can be done remotely, you will be required to attend meetings on campus throughout the duration of the project.

You will be a postgraduate student with an understanding of various teaching and learning issues in a University setting (with a particular focus on student engagement), an interest in improving the student experience academically and confidence in liaising with stakeholders and the wider University community. Prior knowledge and experience of social research (conducting interviews, data analysis, reporting findings, making recommendations etc.) is essential.

To apply, please submit a 250 word statement demonstrating your interest and suitability for the role and a CV to Judi Kilgallon, Sustainability Champion [J.Kilgallon@warwick.ac.uk](mailto:J.Kilgallon@warwick.ac.uk)

**The closing date for applications is midnight Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October.**

**Interviews will be held week from 10am-12pm on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> October.**

**Successful candidates should be available to start work on the 31<sup>st</sup> October.**

<b>POST TITLE:</b>	Post Graduate Student Researcher
<b>DEPARTMENT:</b>	Estates / IATL
<b>POST RESPONSIBLE TO:</b>	Sustainability Champion
<b>SALARY:</b>	£11 per hour for 15 hours per week for 38 weeks
<b>CLOSING DATE:</b>	Midnight, Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> October

#### **BACKGROUND:**

This IATL Strategic Project “Students as Leaders, a Campus of Ideas” aims to facilitate student led research into developing innovative learning outcomes and partnerships in the context of a new module proposal. Estates, students and IATL will work together, an innovative collaboration with wide reaching implications. The project is unique and builds on research and activities already carried out by an interdisciplinary group of students from Engineers Without Borders to construct an Eco-Centre; a sustainable low impact building on campus.

The project team will comprise of 1 PG researcher and 2 UG researchers alongside EWB, key stakeholders and an external architect. There will be academic support from IATL and the researchers will work with a wide range of relevant parties, importantly other students.

#### **JOB PURPOSE:**

- Exploring how student led module development can take place – a first for Warwick and has potential for wide reaching impact on wider curriculum development
- Demonstrating collaborative thinking and encouraging the dismantling of “silo” constraints within the University.
- Inspire students and teachers and challenge existing epistemologies including bridging the often binary relationship between Estates and academia.
- Embedding of more collaborative and innovative practices, processes and partnerships through student facilitation

This project will enable students to be more engaged with their learning, enhancing the student experience, not only for those directly involved but the project will have a wider impact on how other students could be engaged. The learning outcomes will shape new ideas about how the University operates, opening up new opportunities for students and the community in general.

#### **DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:**

**These will depend on the students’ interests, skills and investigations but will include the following:**

1. Conduct interviews with key stakeholders and build new relationships and collaborations across the University.
2. Critically reflect on findings and communicate in regular updates to IATL and Estates.

3. Capture discussions at the participatory workshop.
4. Produce a learning toolkit or module depending on research and reflection.

### **ELIGIBILITY**

You must be a current Warwick postgraduate student and be able to commit for the full period of employment.

### **DURATION**

The post will run for 38 weeks from October 2016 until May 2017.

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## PERSON SPECIFICATION

**POST TITLE:** PG Student Researcher

**DEPARTMENT:** Estates / IATL

The Person Specification focuses on the knowledge, skills, experience and qualifications required to undertake the role effectively.

<b>REQUIREMENTS</b>	<b>ESSENTIAL (E) OR DESIRABLE (D) REQUIREMENTS</b>	<b>MEASURED BY:</b>
The post holder must be able to demonstrate:		a) Application form b) Interview
A current Warwick postgraduate student	E	a
A knowledge of and demonstrable interest in pedagogic approaches and a willingness to learn and develop	E	a,b
Excellent verbal and written communication skills	E	a,b
Good IT literacy e.g. MS Office, Google docs	E	a,b
Ability to self-evaluate and reflect critically and positively	E	a,b
Experience of working successfully as part of a team and quickly building strong relationships	E	a,b
Research experience and ability to communicate findings	E	a,b
Creative, flexible, resourceful and independent working approach	E	a,b

## FURTHER PARTICULARS

### The Departments

**IATL** was established in 2010 to support the University's clear commitment to teaching and the development of innovative programmes and modes of delivery which have a real impact on student experience. IATL provides academic leadership for teaching and learning innovation and is proactive in capturing enthusiasm and new ideas amongst the academic community, encouraging and supporting colleagues to explore and apply innovative teaching practices and methodologies, generating new ideas within strategic themes to help shape teaching and learning across the University and disseminate, embed and raise the profile of new approaches and successful innovations.

For further information about IATL, please see our website <http://www.warwick.ac.uk/go/iatl>

**Estates** is responsible for planning, designing, building, maintaining and repairing Warwick campus. With 290 hectares to manage and over 150 buildings with a multitude of functions, Estates works across the University community to keep campus running. With an extensive capital programme of new and refurbished buildings, we need to ensure this development is sustainable. Buildings must be as efficient as possible and include low carbon technologies and building techniques.

We are looking to engage further with the academic side of the University to encourage all students and staff to play an active role in sustainability.

For further information about the Energy and Sustainability team please see our website <http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/about/environment>