

## University of Manchester Q-Step Summer Project 2016

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**Provisional title for project:** National Surveys of Sexual Attitudes and Lifestyles (Natsal)

### **100 word abstract of what the project would probably undertake, and any data to be used:**

The National Surveys of Sexual Attitudes and Lifestyles (Natsal) are large, national probability surveys carried out decennially. While the key findings from the most recent survey, Natsal-3, were published in the Lancet in 2013, there are a number of interesting questions for which analyses still need to be undertaken, for example:

- 1) Do people who meet their sexual partners online report greater sexual risk behaviour?
- 2) What are the sexual and reproductive health needs of people with disabilities?
- 3) Is there an association between the hours people work and their sexual well-being?
- 4) Are married people happier and healthier than their non-married counterparts?

**Key words (up to 12):** sexual health, sexual behaviour, sexually transmitted infections, survey methods, real-life data

### **Essential and desirable skills that the student would need to have:**

#### ***Essential:***

- Competence in undertaking descriptive analyses, crosstabulation, and logistic regression

- Ability to use the statistical software package Stata
- An organised, logical and analytical approach to work with attention to detail
- Careful and systematic approach to checking data and reviewing statistical analyses
- Excellent interpersonal, oral and written communication skills
- Highly self-motivated and hard working
- Ability to work both independently and collaboratively
- Comfortable with researching sexual health issues

***Desirable:***

- Understanding of sexual health issues
- Understanding of survey research methods

**Where the work would be carried out:**

The Mortimer Market Centre in the UCL Centre for Sexual Health and HIV Research, Research Department of Infection and Population Health, University College London, central London.

**Preferred selection method (interview or other meeting):**

Interview

**Support and training offered by the organisation:**

The intern will be supervised by Dr Clare Tanton, Senior Research Associate and Natsal-3 Study Co-ordinator and through her to Dr Cath Mercer, Reader in Applied Statistics and Co-lead of the Natsal studies.

**Any issues of data confidentiality and/or IPR that would need to be resolved:**

All the data to be analysed is anonymised, nonetheless, given the sensitive nature of the research project, the intern will be expected to treat the data and findings as confidential.

**Supporting information:**

Further information regarding the Natsal studies including details of publications to date are available from the study website: [www.natsal.ac.uk](http://www.natsal.ac.uk)

**Financial assistance offered by the organisation:**

None