

## University of Manchester Q-Step Summer Project 2016

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**Organisation Name:** Department for International Development (DFID)

**Team / Department:** Finance, Performance, Impact Department

**Address:** 22 Whitehall, London. SW1A 2EG

**Provisional title for project:** Assessing the quality of imputed multilateral shares of UK Multilateral ODA (by country and sector)

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

The UK Government provides funding to multilateral organisations for their general budgets, but it is not possible to directly track this funding to the country or sector where it is spent. To estimate the percentage of the UK contribution spent in each country and sector, the Department uses the breakdown of ODA reported by each Multilateral Organisation in the DAC Creditor Reporting System (CRS), which is then applied to UK core funding.

This project will look at the consistency of the estimates over the last five years and examine trends. It will look at the coverage of responding multilaterals (funded by the UK) to the CRS and carry out a sensitivity analysis of the impact of missing multilaterals on the estimates. The project will also develop a dataset that allows the multilateral data over the last 5 years to be interrogated in different ways. The output will be a written report of the findings, which will inform decisions about the quality of the estimates for publishing purposes. The student will also explore forecasting methods.

**Key words (up to 12):**

UK core multilateral funding, the DAC Creditor Reporting System, trends, coverage and sensitivity analysis.

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

### **Essential:**

Data extraction; data management, manipulation and analysis skills (using MS Excel)

### **Desirable:**

Report writing and data presentation skills (charts, visualisations, tables).  
Understanding of forecasting. An interest in International Development.

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

London, Whitehall

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

Interview

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

The student would work with colleagues based largely in London, but in close collaboration with colleagues in our other HQ office in East Kilbride (near Glasgow) and possibly with other staff based around the world. The team members will all have other jobs as well, so although they will offer full support and briefing; the student they would need to be a self-starter and work fairly independently.

The student would gain exposure to the broader work of DFID, to international development, and the work of DFID and partner organisations. They would also gain an introduction to DFID's statistical work and its use in policy, opportunities for networking with other DFID statisticians and policy officials who use the data, on-the-job training/support in the CRS database (as necessary) and in quantitative analysis and report writing. They may get opportunities to join wider learning initiatives e.g. lunch time seminars and meetings that may be of interest.

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

None –Mostly secondary analysis of published data

## **Supporting information:**

A DBS or security check will be carried out by DFID prior to take up of position

## **Financial assistance offered by the organisation:**

None