

University of Manchester Q-Step Summer Project 2016

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Provisional title for project: Employment in Greater Manchester and the North West

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

EWERC is involved in two related projects on employment in Greater Manchester and the student would be asked to provide assistance in the statistical, data collection and graphical presentation work associated with both projects. The first project is to assist in the preparation of a human development report for Greater Manchester focusing on life transitions and the prospects for human development across the life course. The part that the student would assist with is in identifying the employment patterns of those in midlife to estimate the number of people who have not made transitions to stable and decent employment by mid adult life. EWERC is also leading a large project on employment in Manchester called Just Work, funded by the Alliance donation at AMBS. As part of the background work for the project the research centre will be collecting and analysing data on Greater Manchester with respect to both employment and social conditions and the student would assist in this work alongside two researchers. Both projects will be under the direction of Professor Damian Grimshaw, director of EWERC with involvement also from Professor Jill Rubery who is coordinating the overall human development report. The project will involve analysing data at national, regional and sub-regional levels and may also involve some qualitative analysis where applicable.

Key words (up to 12)

Employment, equality, human development, quantitative analysis.

Essential and desirable skills that the student would need to have

Essential:

- Interest in issues of social inequality
- Data analysis skills and experience with quantitative data
- Knowledge of Microsoft Office, especially Excel
- Interest in preparation of graphical presentations of data
- Experience of and interest in searching for and compiling documentary and statistical information.
- High standard written English

Desirable:

- Some knowledge of labour market, economic and skills issues
- Experience of preparing presentations
- Some knowledge of SPSS and /or Stata

Where the work would be carried out:

This role will be based in EWERC's research centre in AMBS at the university Office hours would be normally 9.30-5.00, but some flexibility may be negotiable. The role will last for eight weeks.

Preferred selection method (interview or other meeting)

Interview in Manchester

Support and training offered by the organisation

The student will be supported by members of the research centre. The student will be supervised by Professor Grimshaw but other members of the research team will provide support and liaison. The student will be given a weekly schedule of who will be available to help them with any queries and to cover any absences for conferences and holidays by the director and co-director. The student will need to be self-motivated, however, and willing to work for periods without direct close supervision. An evaluation meeting will be held at the end of the internship.

Supporting information

Where appropriate, research assistance will be acknowledged on subsequent publications and the student will be invited to the launch of the human development report.

Financial assistance offered by the organisation

Unfortunately EWERC is not in a position to offer additional payment to the students