

# Q-Step Summer Project 2017: Department for International Development

**Ref:** #10 UoMQStep 2017 DFID Finance & Performance

**Team/Department:** Finance and Performance Department

**Address:** Abercrombie House, East Kilbride (near Glasgow).  
Possibility of completing work in London if necessary.

**Provisional Title for Project:** "National Statistics Publication –  
Better Meeting Users' Needs"

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

With National Statistics datasets it is important that we constantly uphold and improve the quality of our data. This project would undertake the challenge of making sure the written publication and the presentation of the data meets users' needs (e.g. the public, Department, researchers etc). This project gives the student the opportunity to work with a large dataset and with other parts of DFID, e.g. the Communications team. The data that the student would be working with is the UK Official Development Assistance (ODA) spend, which contains a range of variables of interest, such as spending agency, recipient country and sector.

**Key Words (up to 12):** Statistics, Analysis, User Engagement,  
National Statistics

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

**Essential:** Analytical skills  
Excel skills

**Desirable:** Visual Basics experience

**Preferred selection method:** Interview

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

Mentoring by statisticians in the team, and wider statistics cadre.

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

The National Statistics data is available on the public GOV.UK and also through the OECD DAC website. The student would initially be working with the publicly available datasets. The project may however require access to data in DFID or Other Government Departments' systems, and the student will need a basic security check to access this information which DFID arranges.

**Supporting Information:** N/A

**Financial assistance offered by the organisation:** N/A