

# Q-Step Summer Project 2017: Sociology (University of Manchester)

**Ref:** #42 UoMQStep 2017 Sociology (UoM) Flexibility & Fatherhood

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**Provisional Title for Project:** "Flexibility and Fatherhood in Europe: An Analysis of Father's Working Time Patterns in the EU27"

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

The project will explore fathers' working time patterns in the EU27 using data from the Sixth European Working Conditions Survey (EWCS). This work is part of a wider ESRC-funded project on paternal involvement in childcare (see <http://projects.socialsciences.manchester.ac.uk/involved-fathers/>).

The intern will carry out basic descriptive analyses using EWCS data to explore whether the work schedules of fathers with young children vary markedly from other men in the UK and across Europe. This will help to identify whether there are national and occupational differences in men's time availability to be engaged in looking after their young children. The intern will summarise the relevant information and will also use graphs and/or other data visualisation tools to help present this data.

**Key Words (up to 12):** Fathers, Work-Time, Work-Life Balance, Family, Europe, Descriptive Data Analysis, Data Visualisation

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

**Essential:** Basic knowledge of statistical software (SPSS or Stata)  
Understanding of descriptive statistics (e.g. mean, proportion)  
Data visualisation skills  
Independence and motivation

**Desirable:** Familiarity and/or interest in the research topic  
Ability to run basic descriptive statistics (e.g. frequencies, cross-tabulations) in SPSS or STATA

## Preferred selection method: Interview

## Support and training offered by the organisation:

The intern will be supervised by Dr Helen Norman – Research Fellow in Sociology. An introduction to the topic and EWCS data, along with further training in SPSS or STATA (if necessary), will be provided.

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

## Supporting Information:

The research assistance support provided during this placement will be acknowledged in the planned journal article publication.

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