

# Q-Step Summer Project 2017: Pensions Policy Institute

**Ref:** #47 UoMQStep 2017 Pensions Policy Institute

**Team/Department:** Modelling team

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**Provisional Title for Project:** "The Changing Importance of State  
Pension Income Through Retirement"

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

The pensioner group has experienced increases to their median income at a faster rate than other age groups. However, half of those aged 60 and over in 2008-09 had lower real terms incomes by 2014-15, this reflects a great variation of individual circumstances. Through longitudinal analysis of pensioner data reported within the English Longitudinal Study of Aging it is possible to consider the changing sources of income within the population and how State Pension contributes to this picture. Within this analysis we would look at how individual and household incomes have changed over time, incorporating key events such as withdrawal from the labour market, onset of disability, widowhood.

**Key Words (up to 12):** Pensions, State Pension, Older People, Benefits, SPSS

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

**Essential:** Experience of dataset analysis using SPSS  
Experience with Microsoft Office  
Written communication skills, in good technical language and plain English  
Capability to work independently

**Desirable:** Knowledge of the UK pensions system  
Experience of handling and interrogating large data sets  
Ability to deliver results, both orally and written, tailored for different audiences

**Preferred selection method:** Telephone/Skype interview

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

This work will be under the supervision of the PPI modelling team, who will provide support, guidance and collaboration throughout. The team has extensive experience in dataset analysis, pension and policy research and the communication of findings.

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

All outputs and any IP generated by the student will remain the property of the Pensions Policy Institute. Attribution in the publication of findings will be made to the student in respect of their contribution to the project.

### **Supporting Information:**

This work will contribute to a project for a third party. This will lead to a roundtable discussion with stakeholders in pension policy in the UK and the publication of the project findings. The candidate will be invited to participate in the dissemination if this is practicable.

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

Expenses incurred in the execution of the role will be met by the PPI.