Micro-Placement Programme for Research Staff

Michaelmas Term 2019 – Project Summaries

Micro-placements take place in 6th or 7th week (18th – 22nd and/or 25th – 29th November). The application deadline is **12:00PM midday, Monday 28th October**. To view all vacancy information and apply, please follow the links to CareerConnect.

**Please note:** the sectors for each placement found below are a guide only; many placements are inter-disciplinary and will cross into other sectors. For a full description of each placement, please follow the links to the Career Connect post.

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Academia & Higher Education

MRC Weatherall Institute of Molecular Medicine - Science Communication Micro-Placement (MPPRS)
England - Oxfordshire

The MRC WIMM is a thriving biomedical research institute, with a vibrant culture of science communication and public engagement. Through this micro-placement you will be given an insight into the varied communication efforts taking place in an academic institute, from raising the research profile via news stories and press releases, to the use of other platforms and methods such as social media or science festivals. Working alongside the Institute’s Public Engagement and Communications Officer, this is a valuable opportunity for those interested in exploring a career in science communication.

Reference ID: NNNZ3
https://oxford.targetconnect.net/leap/jobSearch.html?id=86467

Oxford University Careers Service - Market Researcher (MPPRS)
England - Oxfordshire

This is a great opportunity for a researcher to design and run a number of focus groups (at least two) for Oxford undergraduates and postgraduates to understand what they need and want from an internship, both in terms of research and/or professional experience. The researcher will investigate the importance of remuneration, supervision, project type, internship duration, location and sector in the student's decision making process.

Reference ID: EXAYK
https://oxford.targetconnect.net/leap/jobSearch.html?id=85679

England - Oxfordshire

The BioEscalator houses and nurtures early-stage start-up companies that have the potential to impact greatly on healthcare in its broadest sense. Its remit also includes increasing medical entrepreneurship on campus and propagating an entrepreneurial mindset among its researchers. We have run many different events during our first year of operation, aimed at both tenants and the wider entrepreneurial community. Through this micro-placement you will assist in our analysis of our events to date and help us to plan how we will decide the future direction of our events portfolio.
UNI4U Ltd - Research and Analysis Micro-Placement (MPPRS)
England - South West

We are seeking a researcher for a one week project to focus on researching, mapping and analysing the various pathway routes that international students take prior to studying at undergraduate/masters level in the UK. These include foundation courses and pre-masters courses. We would like to develop a clear idea of who the key providers are of these courses (including universities themselves, private providers in the UK and in students' home countries). We would also like to understand how these courses map to subject areas and universities and potentially how our systems and processes can be optimised around to help guide students through the most suitable pre-university pathways.

Advertising, Marketing & Communications

BLUE Communications - Maritime Satcomms & Media Research Executive (MPPRS)
England - Oxfordshire

Headquartered in Oxford, BLUE is the leading global communications consultancy for the shipping, marine and energy sectors and a PRWeek Top 150 consultancy for three consecutive years.

BLUE would like to conduct a short study into the media profile of the leading satcomms service providers in the fast-growing maritime and offshore markets, and how these organisations and their services are portrayed by media. Your role is to carry out this study.

TORCH (The Oxford Research Centre in the Humanities) - University of Oxford - TORCH Marketing, Events & Comms Placement (MPPRS)
England - Oxfordshire

TORCH is a nucleus of intellectual energy for the humanities and a place to develop new ideas and collaborations both within and beyond academia. Based in the Humanities Division, TORCH is a busy
research centre that engages with and supports all of Oxford’s 10 Humanities faculties. In 2018-19, TORCH hosted 400 events with audiences of over 18,000 people; supported 400 researchers and 48 Knowledge Exchange Fellows; and provided funding for Early Career Fellows, 45 seed-funded research networks, and 10 programmes.

Through this micro-placement, you will help to spread the word about TORCH’s varied activities whilst working with and for researchers, helping them plan and evaluate research-led events. You will work on the TORCH communications strategy and with the events, networks, and international teams to provide support and gain valuable insight into the workings of a diverse research centre.

Reference ID: QW8XN

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Charity, Development, Not for Profit & Think Tanks

Oxfordshire Community Foundation - Airbnb and Homelessness Research (MPPRS)

England - Oxfordshire, Work from Home

Investigate the impact of Airbnb on the housing market in Oxford City. Does it have an impact on homelessness and cause other social problems. If it does, what should be done about it? How have other cities responded/regulated Airbnb?

Reference ID: AYY96

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Pets As Therapy - Read2Dogs Evaluation Micro-Placement (MPPRS)

England - Oxfordshire

Pets As Therapy is a charity providing volunteers and their dogs to schools to assist children in their literacy. Through this micro-internship, you will assist PAT to access a larger range of grant and fundraising opportunities. You will be leading the first step through the introduction of a robust data collection tool that can be rolled out throughout UK schools.

Reference ID: JVVLN

https://oxford.targetconnect.net/leap/jobSearch.html?id=86629

World Experience Exchange - Research projects for Uganda-focused Charity (remote working)

Work from Home
World Experience Exchange is a not-for-profit social enterprise with a mission – “To bring together those with, skills, education and expertise - with those who can apply them to the best use in the developing world.”

You will be remotely working with a charity in Uganda, to help them develop and increase their impact within their community. Your research into new approaches and best practices from elsewhere in the world will form the basis for new initiatives and approaches.

This is a great opportunity to exchange your skills and passion, for the experience that is Africa, and to make a difference to those less fortunate in the developing world.

Reference ID: XBBEQ

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Education

Science Oxford - Science Oxford STEM Challenge Placement (MPPRS)

England - Oxfordshire

Science Oxford works with local secondary schools to provide activities which engage and inspire young people with science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM). In this micro-placement you will develop a new workshop suitable for 11-12 year-old students, guided by Science Oxford staff. The opportunity is ideal for applicants working in any field which includes a STEM element to communicate their own enthusiasm for their area of work to a new audience.

Reference ID: XBBAO

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Energy, Sustainability & the Environment

Brill Power - Data Monitoring & Analysis UI Software Development (MPPRS)

England - Oxfordshire

Brill Power is a spin-out company from the University of Oxford developing cutting-edge battery technology for grid-scale energy storage and electric vehicles. Through this micro-placement, you will support our Chief Data Scientist in developing Brill Power battery data monitoring and analysis user-interfaces. The placement is a valuable opportunity to gain insight into a spinout company taking technology developed within Oxford University’s labs out to the market.

Reference ID: JVVN3

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**Brill Power - Researcher – Diversity in the Workplace (MPPRS)**

England - Oxfordshire

Brill Power is a spin-out company from the University of Oxford developing cutting-edge battery technology for grid-scale energy storage and electric vehicles. Through this micro-placement, you will help define our efforts to create and maintain a diverse workforce. This opportunity will allow you to gain insights into a tech startup and to influence the future of our team.

Reference ID: 3EE27

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**Brill Power - Market Research - Battery Intelligence (MPPRS)**

England - South East

Brill Power is a spin-out company from the University of Oxford developing cutting-edge battery technology for grid-scale energy storage and electric vehicles. Through this micro-placement, you will support our Chief Data Scientist in exploring market opportunities for Brill Power in the “battery Intelligence” sector by conducting early-stage market mapping and landscape analysis. This is a valuable opportunity for gaining insights into a spinout company bringing technology developed in Oxford University’s labs to the market.

Reference ID: 2EEQK

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**Brill Power - Market Research Placement - Stationary Storage Product Value Quantification (MPPRS)**

England - Oxfordshire

Brill Power is a spin-out company from the University of Oxford developing cutting-edge battery technology for grid-scale energy storage and electric vehicles. Through this micro-placement, you will support our Strategy and Operations Manager in making business decision's for the company's stationary storage product. To do this, you will conduct market mapping of existing BESS systems and their applications, apply financial assumptions regarding our product, and deliver an informed set of recommendations as to who the most ideal first customers and applications may be. This is a valuable opportunity to work with company founders and see how technology from Oxford University's labs are going to market.

Reference ID: YKXXM

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The Oxford Martin School - Environmental Impact Reduction Micro-Placement (MPPRS)

England - Oxfordshire

The Oxford Martin School is a world-leading research department of the University of Oxford. Its pioneering research programmes work to find solutions to some of the world’s most urgent challenges. A good deal of that research focusses on environmental issues ranging from renewable energy to the food system. Through this micro-placement you will help the School to go beyond academic output and implement measures to reduce the environmental impact of its operations. You will review existing operational practice and research academic findings and best practice to develop recommendations to reduce the environmental impacts of the School’s activities. This is a valuable opportunity for insight into environmental management and consultancy.

Reference ID: NNNW4

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