I-SPHERE Oak Foundation Research Internship

Funded by the Oak Foundation as part of our Homelessness and Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic Groups in the UK: knowledge and capacity building programme, we are delighted to offer a 9 month paid internship for a graduate researcher to design and lead an in-depth research piece on Homelessness and BAME groups.

Given the nature of this project we are particularly interested in receiving applications from suitable applicants from Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic backgrounds.

Key Duties & Responsibilities

This internship provides a unique opportunity for an early career researcher to join an award-winning social research institute, working on an innovative partnership project which aims to bring about positive change by shining a light on the experiences of BAME people facing homelessness and bringing forward solutions to tackle racial discrimination and inequality in housing and homelessness.

The intern will have the unique opportunity to develop and implement their own individual research project on BAME homelessness relevant to the aims of the programme. As part of the application process, candidates are asked to provide a short research proposal.

The successful candidate will have an excellent undergraduate degree (1st or 2:1) in a social science, arts or related discipline and be a competent social researcher. They will have a passion for social justice issues and a commitment to understanding the root causes, with a particular interest in listening to the voices of the people directly affected.

They can work remotely anywhere across the UK but may be required to travel for research fieldwork and meetings.

The next internship will be available from December 2022, and the start date is flexible.

Education, Qualifications and Experience

**Essential**

Qualifications and experience

- Excellent undergraduate degree (1st or 2:1) in a social science, arts or related discipline.
- Applicants should be competent social researchers with a background in a social science or arts and humanities discipline.

**Competencies, Skills and Knowledge**

- Good understanding of race and equalities issues in the UK context
- Self-motivated with strong research skills
- Good team player with good interpersonal skills
- Ability to identify and analyse difficult problems
- Strong written and oral communication skills
Desirable:

- A relevant Masters or PhD degree in a social science or arts and humanities discipline.
- Relevant work experience supporting people affected by disadvantage.
- An understanding of how research can contribute to practical solutions to issues of social disadvantage and injustice.
- Knowledge of UK legal and policy context in relation to equalities, BAME, homelessness, housing, migration, poverty and destitution.
- Experience of conducting research or working with vulnerable groups.
- Experience of conducting research or working with people whose first language is not English.

Applications

The online application process will open soon.

Applicants will need to submit a CV, covering letter and research proposal.

The proposal should be for a piece of independent research which can be conducted during the internship related to the programme aims, which drills into a specific area of interest. The proposal should be no more than 2 pages and set out: Aim; Rationale for research including key data and information; Research questions to address; Research methodology.

For any enquiries about this position and/or to be informed when applications go live, contact Jill McIntyre j.mcintyre@hw.ac.uk