



BIT PhD Scholarships Programme

We are pleased to announce the second year of the BIT PhD Scholarships Programme, a collaboration between the Behavioural Insights Team and the School of Public Policy, University College London (UCL). This year, we are looking to award two PhD scholarships.

Each scholarship will run from autumn 2017 for three years. The scholarships can focus on any area of behavioural science and public policy, but strong links between the work of BIT and the research interests of staff at the School of Public Policy are preferred.

While completing their PhD, scholarship students will work part-time at BIT, embedded within a relevant policy team. Students will receive a research allowance as well as a stipend, with fees covered by BIT. Students will be supervised by Professor Peter John at UCL and Dr Michael Sanders from BIT, as well as any other relevant academics.

UCL has considerable academic expertise in behavioural science, with members of the School of Public Policy, Economics Department, Centre for Behavioural Change, Energy Institute and the UCL Transport Institute all conducting research in this area.

We are excited to take this programme into a second year and build on BIT's already strong relationship with academia.

Prospective students should submit their CV, a statement of interest in working for BIT and a two-page research proposal to hannah.keating@bi.team by midnight GMT on the 19th of December 2016. The research proposal should make clear the specific policy problem(s) to which their research will be applied.

For more information, please contact michael.sanders@behaviouralinsights.co.uk. Informal enquiries can also be directed to Peter John (peter.john@ucl.ac.uk). Successful applicants will be expected to complete an application process to UCL and to satisfy UCL's entry requirements. Interviews will be held in January 2017.

Funding

- ◆ A stipend of £16,785 from UCL (tax free);
- ◆ A Part-time salary from BIT of £12,500; and
- ◆ A research grant of £2,500 per annum during the PhD.
- ◆ Tuition fees of £4,915 per annum will be covered by BIT.

Entrance criteria

Applicants should have a minimum 2.1 or equivalent undergraduate degree and a masters degree in a relevant behavioural science discipline e.g. economics, psychology, anthropology or political science. Knowledge of statistics or econometrics, particularly the use of Stata, is desirable but not essential.



How to apply: please submit a CV, a statement of interest in working for BIT and a research proposal (each to be no longer than 2 pages) to: hannah.keating@bi.team before midnight GMT on 19th of December.

Date of posting: 22nd November 2016

Interviews will take place in January 2017

Please note:

- ◆ If you do not already hold the right to work in the UK and/or require sponsorship in order to continue working here, you should think carefully before applying. This is because we will be unable to sponsor you unless there is no other suitably qualified settled worker available to fill the role or your current immigration status means that the resident labour market test will not apply in your case.
- ◆ Due to the volume of applications received we are unable to provide feedback unless you are called for interview. Please ensure that you meet the requirements for the role.

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