

## PhD placements in the Department for Education (DfE)

The Department for Education's Disadvantage Team leads the DfE's cross cutting approach to reducing inequality and disparities in England. They, together with the DfE's Climate Change and Sustainability Team, are piloting a PhD placement scheme and would like to invite PhD students with funding for a placement and an interest in policy to join them on placements of three months.

It is expected that the placement will be full-time and commence in September 2023.

### What you can expect

This will be an opportunity to gain experience of policy-making at the heart of government.

You will work with experienced civil servants on topics of the utmost importance, learn about how policy-making works in practice and demonstrate that you have the skills needed to perform effectively in a policy setting.

Students participating in similar programmes elsewhere in government have given excellent feedback about their experiences, and many have gone on to work in policy after finishing their studies.

### What the Department for Education are looking for

They want motivated generalists who can:

- **Analyse complex problems**, drawing out relevant insights and advice
- **Communicate well**, both in conversation and in writing
- **Collaborate effectively** with others inside and outside government
- **Demonstrate an interest** in policy

### Essential conditions

To be considered, applicants must be able to obtain [BPSS](#) clearance and have funding to cover the cost of the placement from their university, PhD funding body or other suitable organisation. Royal Holloway will fund the 3-month placement as part of the PGR Career Enhancement Placement Scheme if you are self-funded or College-funded. If you are UKRI-funded, it is expected that you would seek funding via your Research Council's own placement scheme.

### How to apply

If you are interested in applying for one of these opportunities, please submit the short application form available at [rhul.ac.uk/doctoral-school/employability-experiences/dfе-placement-application-form.aspx](https://rhul.ac.uk/doctoral-school/employability-experiences/dfе-placement-application-form.aspx) by 5pm Friday 2 June 2023.