

Social Science Impact Accelerator Opportunities

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ESRC IAA SSIA... WHAT!?





Social Science Impact Accelerator

ESRC – Economic and Social Research Council
IAA – Impact Acceleration Account
SSIA – Social Science Impact Accelerator

We maximise the impact of Royal Holloway's social science research for our region, the UK and internationally.



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What is impact?

“the demonstrable contribution that excellent research makes to society and the economy.”

UK Research and Innovation (UKRI)

“an effect on, change or benefit to the economy, society, culture, public policy or services, health, the environment or quality of life, beyond academia.”

Research England & Research Excellence Framework (REF)

“the provable effects (benefits) of research in the ‘real world’.

Julie Bayley, Author of Creating Meaningful Impact



What impact is not

- Dissemination
- Academic citations or other bibliometrics
- Markers of attention
- Markers of academic reputation
- Within the HE sector
- Engagement alone



Types of impact



INSTRUMENTAL

A new or changed tangible 'thing'.

[i.e., Knowledge, insight, method, process, tool, practice, policy, service, etc.]



CAPACITY

A new or increased ability to do something.

[i.e., Skills, opportunities, connections, networks, partnerships, etc.]



CONCEPTUAL

A change or new way in how something is thought about.

[i.e. A change in understanding, attitude, awareness, attention, perception, perspective, etc.]

Training and events

To develop your skills in impact and knowledge exchange.

Keep an eye out for new events in your newsletter and on the Intranet.

Upcoming events:

1. Storytelling for Impact series (narrative, visuals, podcasting)
3 sessions in October and November
2. ESRC Festival of Social Science
19 October – 9 November 2024
3. SSIA Information Session for PGR students
Date TBC



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PhD Public Engagement Bursary

- Enhance public engagement skills
- Promote a piece of social science research or impact activity, beyond academia.
- PhD public engagement bursaries are fixed upfront payments of £2,000 per student, covering 5 weeks of full-time work (or part-time equivalent). In addition, £1,000 for project will be allocated to the academic staff member supporting the student, to be spent on communications materials, events and other project resources.
- September and March deadlines



PhD Placements

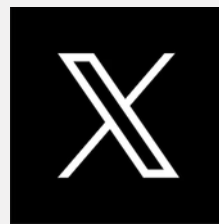


- Placements to spend time at an external organisation to work on social science projects and initiatives.
- Professional development and enhance career chances
- 1-3 months full-time in duration.
- Full-time (interrupt) or part-time (>20 hrs a week)
- Students will be paid in line with the UKRI-rate (currently £400 a week) and be allocated an additional travel and expenses budget up to £200 per week, to be agreed on a case-by-case basis. Funds will be paid in one up-front payment.
- Students must source their own placement on most occasions.



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