Department of Politics and International Relations

Research Internship Scheme – Job advertisement no.

Research Assistant to Chris Hanretty

October 2017

Number of places available: One.

Time commitment: The internship will involve 35 hours of work divided over seven weeks, beginning on the 16th October and continuing until the 31st November. The number of hours worked in each week will vary between 3 and 7 hours per week.

Project description: The student will compile information regarding polling in recent parliamentary elections; will learn how to structure this data in a “tidy data” format, and will assist at a presentation to the Cabinet Office’s Constitution Unit.

Required level and skills: This placement would be suitable for 3rd year undergraduate students. Students should be numerate and have good command of Excel or another spreadsheet application.

Learning outcomes: At the end of the placement, the student will

- know and better understand the electoral politics of different parliamentary democracies;
- understand measures of polling accuracy;
- understand how to structure data in order to make analysis easier;

Other: The student’s research assistance will be acknowledged in any resulting publications (though no publications are currently planned).

Work location: The work can be carried out from anywhere with an internet connection, but there will be several on campus meetings and one trip to the Cabinet Office

Deadline for application: rolling deadline.

Application: Applications should be sent to Chris Hanretty (chris.hanretty@rhul) with a CV, covering letter, and grade transcript.