Bristol Model
Research Assistant job description

Start date	Interview date
Flexible between February and May 2022	Tuesday 18 January 2022

Duration of role	Salary
200 hours	£9.50/hour

Working pattern	Number of roles available
Flexible	6

Location	**Deadline for applications**
Bristol	**12 midday, Thursday 6th January 2022**

Eligibility
To apply for the role of Research Assistant through the Bristol Model you must: • be a current undergraduate student in the Faculty of Social Sciences and Law; OR • be a recent graduate (within six months of graduation) of an undergraduate degree in the Faculty of Social Sciences and Law. For further details, including a full list of eligible programmes, please visit our website.

1. Project overview
We are looking to recruit six student Research Assistants to work under the supervision/direction of the project academic lead (Dr Harry Pitts) and Research Associate (to be appointed Jan 2022). The Research Assistants will take a key role in a joint research project with the Institute for the Future of Work, a think-tank that explores how new technologies are transforming work and working lives. The research project will explore worker perceptions of risk around the future of work in Bristol, mainly using qualitative methods including interviews and focus groups, aswell as desk-based methods including literature reviews.

2. Role description
We are looking for six undergraduate students who will work together as student researchers on this project. The student researchers will work together, with the project Research Associate and with the academic lead by: • Conducting desk-based research • Conducting some interviews, focus groups and informal conversations where required • Collecting questionnaire responses or other data where necessary • Performing qualitative and quantitative data analysis where appropriate Research Assistants will: • Receive guidance on how to conduct the research. • Undertake the research work as directed.

- Communicate regularly with and give updates to the academic lead and the Research Associate.
- Where appropriate, actively participate in and prepare for meetings with the project partner (the Institute for the Future of Work).

In collaboration with the Research Associate and academic lead, Research Assistants are expected to:

- either develop or work in line with an appropriate research agenda and design
- take a lead role in conducting elements of the field work for their topic
- contribute written outputs such as blogs (TBC)
- contribute research towards a report that discusses the project findings
- collaboratively shape conclusions and recommendations for their topic
- work with others within the research project in shaping group-based reflections and emergent conclusions.

The desk-based literature reviews or empirical research data conducted or collected by the student researchers will be coded/analysed and feed into written outputs from the research.

3. Person specification

Applicants should have:
- Experience or awareness of social research programmes.
- Experience of awareness of a range of social science research methods (interviews, questionnaires, focus groups).
- Strong desk-based research skills including literature reviews.
- Strong communication skills in both interpersonal interactions and in writing.
- Reliability, self-motivation and high level of organisation in completing tasks and hitting deadlines.
- Strong information gathering skills, being able to gather, assimilate and analyse information quickly and accurately, with a strong attention to detail.
- Good written and verbal communication skills and feel comfortable communicating in academic and non-academic settings.

4. Overview of induction and ongoing support/supervision

As well as regular peer-to-peer exchange, the student researchers will be supervised by the Research Associate for the project (to be appointed in January), who will provide academic and research support.

Dr Harry Pitts, Lecturer in Work, Employment, Organisation & Public Policy, will be the academic lead for the project.

Where appropriate, the student researchers will also work with a primary contact at the Institute for the Future of Work, the project partner.

5. Additional info

https://www.ifow.org/

https://www.bristol.ac.uk/fssl/professional-liaison-network/the-bristol-model/institute-for-the-future-of-work/

The roles will require the successful candidates to work remotely and have access to a laptop or computer and internet connection. If you need support in any of these areas, please email fssl-pln@brstol.ac.uk when you submit your application.

For a detailed outline of the application process, tips for applying and links to application and interview support provided by the Careers Service see our Bristol Model Research Assistant guidance document.

Any questions please contact the Professional Liaison Network – fssl-pln@bristol.ac.uk