

Start date	Interview date
w/c 11 July 2022	Tuesday 5 July 2022
Duration of role	Salary
200 hours	£9.90/hour
Working pattern	Number of roles available
Up to 35 hours a week	1
Location	Deadline for applications
Remote working and in BSWN offices in BS1	12 midday, Thursday 23 June 2022
Eligibility	
<p>To apply for the role of Research Assistant through the Bristol Model you must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. <p>For further details, including a full list of eligible programmes, please visit our website.</p>	

1. Project overview

The role will form part of an exciting co-produced research project with Black South West Network (BSWN), externally funded by the Office for Students (OfS) and Research England as part of the [Bristol Model](#) programme of work.

BSWN is a BME-led infrastructure organisation, working for race equality across the South-West. The roles will offer students a valuable opportunity to contribute to an on-going collaboration between UoB and BSWN, called the Research Action Coalition for Race Equality (RACE). RACE aims to provide policymakers and other stakeholders with the empirical evidence and other support required to develop more effective responses to persistent race inequalities in the region. RACE is also informing the development of research approaches which are more inclusive and empowering for non-academics, including those from whom data are collected.

PLN have already funded six University of Bristol student internships with RACE, as part of the Bristol Model scheme. These internships have produced a number of valuable outputs, including the RACE Eco-system map and the research evidence held in the Data Hub section on the [RACE website](#). These new internships will directly build on this work to ensure that RACE continues to support the work of local race equality organisations effectively, while ensuring research is produced in ways which are as appropriate and accessible to non-academic users as possible. By working together more effectively we can produce research which is valued and valuable for all.

2. Role description
<p>We are looking for one undergraduate student to work as Research Assistants during this phase of this project.</p> <p>This role will continue our work establishing and responding to the data needs of people working in the 'race equality space' in the region, using existing networks developed by RACE and BSWN. A particular focus for this work will be identifying any evidence gaps which produce barriers to the work of local race equality organisations and how best to respond to these. This issue has been highlighted, by the Bristol Deputy Mayor among others, as a significant evidence gap which needs urgently addressing.</p> <p>The work would involve:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • reviewing data collected by previous UoB PLN interns on the data needs of race equality organisations working in Bristol and the South-West • conversations with members of the South West Race Equality Action Group • in-person meetings with the research team and other interns at the Coach House
3. Person specification
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Essential: Good communication skills • Essential: Good IT skills • Essential: Experience using Teams, Zoom and other online engagement programmes • Desirable: Experience of online or other interviewing • Desirable: Experience in report writing.
4. Overview of induction and ongoing support/supervision
<p>The Research Assistant will be supervised by the Research Associate for the project, Angelique Retief, who will provide academic and research support. Angelique is a PGR student in the School of Policy Studies at the University of Bristol and also research and policy officer at Black South West Network. Dr Saffron Karlsen, Associate Professor in Sociology, will be the academic lead for the project.</p>
5. Additional info
<p>https://www.blacksouthwestnetwork.org/ https://www.racecoalition.org</p> <p>Read about the experiences of other students who worked as Research Assistants with RACE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://lawstudent.blogs.bristol.ac.uk/2021/10/25/my-internship-experience-developing-my-employability-furthering-my-academic-studies-and-working-to-promote-race-equality/ • https://www.racecoalition.org/placements-and-internships

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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