

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 (in the 2021-22 academic year) third or final year 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 policy-makers 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

We are looking for one undergraduate student to work as Research Assistants during this phase of this project.

One reason for the on-going marginalisation of certain racial groups in society is their lack of capacity to ensure that research addresses their own needs and effectively documents their own experience. An important aim of the RACE initiative is therefore to build research capacity among those traditionally excluded from opportunities to develop and undertake their own research. This role will be key in driving forward that aspect of the RACE agenda, through the design and development of a series of research capacity building training workshops for local race equality organisations in Bristol.

The work would involve:

- speaking with race equality organisations about their needs and capacities for research training
- working in collaboration with researchers at UoB and BSWN to design a series of research capacity building training workshops which can directly respond to these needs
- exploring opportunity to fund these, through UoB or alternative sources, and supporting writing funding applications
- in-person meetings with the research team and other interns at the Coach House

3. Person specification

- Essential: Good communication skills
- Essential: Good IT skills
- Essential: Experience using Teams, Zoom and other online engagement programmes
- Essential: Experience with and understanding of qualitative and quantitative data
- Desirable: Experience of carrying out workshops (or similar)
- Desirable: Experience of undertaken teaching/training in research methods (as a student)

4. Overview of induction and ongoing support/supervision

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.

5. Additional info

<https://www.blacksouthwestnetwork.org/>
<https://www.racecoalition.org>

Read about some the experiences of some other students who worked as Research Assistants with RACE:

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- <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>

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