



## Opportunities for North West Doctoral Training Centre funded students

### [Research Training Support Grant \(RTSG\)](#)

All NWDTC Students have access to a RTSG from which they can claim research expenses which are in direct support of their research. Students who started their studentship prior to September 2013 have a personal allowance which can be claimed through their School. Students who started their studentship after September 2013 will claim from the central NWDTC office, and do not have an individual allowance.

### [Overseas Fieldwork Funding](#)

The NWDTC runs a biannual competition for overseas fieldwork funding. To be eligible, students must have mentioned the need to undertake overseas fieldwork in the appropriate section of their original application form. Application deadlines are in October and April.

### [Interdisciplinary Event Funding](#)

There are funds available for DTC Students who want to arrange their own interdisciplinary events/activities. This is to fund any activity which enhances Interdisciplinarity within the DTC. It may involve students, or indeed staff, from outside of the DTC but it must be of benefit to DTC students.

### [Overseas Institutional Visits \(OIV\)](#)

The NWDTC run an Overseas Institutional Visit (OIV) scheme which allows NWDTC funded students to apply for financial support to go to overseas universities or esteemed research organisations to establish research networks, disseminate early research findings, participate in seminars and other academic activities that are directly relevant to their research or undertake specialist research training that is not available within the UK. Application deadlines are in October and April

### [ESRC Internships](#)

The annual ESRC Student Internship Scheme provides current ESRC funded PhD students with the opportunity to spend up to six months in a non-academic organisation within the public, civil society (voluntary) or private sector where they can work as part of a team involved with policy and practice development. There are a number of host organisations and projects to apply to each year.

### [NWDTC Internships](#)

The NWDTC offers its doctoral students the opportunity to propose their own internship opportunities in a biannual competition. Successful applicants receive an extension to their award to allow them to undertake the internship, as well as up to £1000 expenses per month during the course of the award. Application deadlines are in November and May.

### [Module Exchange](#)

NWDTC pathways are encouraged to open up relevant research training modules to students from partner institutions. A list of available modules is provided on the NWDTC website, along with information about how to apply to take a module from a partner institution. Please note this opportunity is not restricted to NWDTC funded students.

### [Methods NW Events / Short Courses](#)

Students from within the DTC can access advanced training courses and events being organised by the advanced training schemes at the three NWDTC institutions: [methods@manchester](mailto:methods@manchester), [engage@liverpool](mailto:engage@liverpool), [methods@lancaster](mailto:methods@lancaster), the [Cathie Marsh Institute for Social Research](#) and the [Postgraduate Statistics Centre](#). Many of these programmes are free, while in other cases some free spaces are reserved for NWDTC students.