



The University of Manchester

Artsmethods@manchester – First Generation PhDs

Placement Provider:	Artsmethods@manchester
Placement Contact:	Jerome Brillaud and Steven Jones
Location(s) of placement:	University of Manchester
Start Date:	13 th February 2017
Duration:	Work carried out between February and May 2017
Work hours each week:	Total of 14 days - 5 days to set up survey questionnaire, 5 days to collect and analyse data. Four additional days for workshop and roundtable in March/May 2017
Deadline for Applications:	27 th January 2017
Resources available eg library data, computer, desk etc	Computer, desk, office space as required
Equality and diversity policy is in place and monitored	Yes
Security clearance required	No
Disclosure Barring Service check required	No
Description of Placement:	
<p>This placement is part of a study to identify the challenges and needs of First Generation PhD students in the Faculty of Humanities at Manchester. First Generation PhD students are generally defined as PGRs, neither of whose parents attended university and whose siblings did not either.</p> <p>Studies of First Gen. PhDs in the USA have identified areas where universities could improve their support (targeted recruitment, financial and academic aid, and psychological support). There are no such studies in UK Higher Education.</p>	
Expected Tasks and Outcomes :	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To get familiar with literature on First Gen. PhDs and define familial parameters of the definition of First Gen. • To draft a questionnaire, checking that it is internally and externally robust, to do a sample run, to revise and send out to all PGRs by mid-March • To collect and analyse data in April and May • To present data at a workshop and roundtable (dates to be determined) in May or June 	
Specific Skills/Experience/Training Required for the Placement:	
<p>Experience with questionnaire design as well as data collection/analysis strongly preferred</p> <p>Knowledge of PG education issues and policies in the UK would be a plus</p>	
Training and experience expected to be gained through the placement:	
<p>The selected candidate will be working with Dr Steven Jones (SEED) and Dr Jérôme Brillaud (SALC). The placement will offer the opportunity to conduct a study from the initial phase to the presentation of findings.</p>	
Financial assistance (if any) offered by the organisation:	
<p>£750 for the duration of the placement.</p>	