

Q-STEP SUMMER INTERNSHIPS 2021

FSA - Exploring food related behaviours in the student population: food safety, food insecurity and dietary intake.

Organisation and Team

Food Standards Agency: Analytics Unit

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Selection Method

Written CV & cover letter followed by an
Interview

Application Criteria

Essential:

- Experience of data analysis in SPSS or Excel
- Experience of using statistical analyses in research
- Data interpretation skills
- Ability to write research reports
- An interest in food safety, food insecurity and dietary intake
- Ability to work independently
- Experience of creating engaging data visualisation and infographics

Desirable:

- Knowledge of food safety, food insecurity and dietary intake.
- Knowledge and interest in behavioural / psychological science.
- Familiarity with producing regression models
- Good organisational and communication skills

Key Words

Food safety, food insecurity, food safety, nutrition, diet, student population, consumer behaviour, quantitative analysis, data visualisation.

Project Outline

The Food Standards Agency (FSA) is the independent government department working to protect public health and consumers' wider interests in relation to food in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. Our mission is food we can trust.

The FSA's role does not just cover food safety, but also other consumer interests in food, which include price and availability. At the FSA we explore the public's attitudes, reported knowledge and behaviour relating to food safety and production.

At the FSA we are interested in learning more about the attitudes, reported knowledge and behaviour relating to food safety in the student population.

The project would collate existing data and understanding to explore and identify:

- Food safety behaviours, prevalence of food insecurity and dietary intake in the student population;
- Whether the student population differ from other demographic groups in food safety behaviours, prevalence of food insecurity and dietary intake;
- Barriers/challenges which are unique to the student population which impact food safety behaviours, prevalence of food insecurity and dietary intake

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Practical Considerations

Remote working

8 week internship

Support and Training

The project is on a high-profile area that has significant cross-governmental interest. FSA will provide ongoing professional support through its analytical function, primarily its team of social researchers and statisticians. The successful applicant will be supervised by a social researcher. We would look to involve and engage the successful applicant in our social science team for the duration of the project, and by doing so we aim to maximise the experience for the applicant

Issues of Data Confidentiality / IPR

The placement may involve working with some data which is not publicly available.

Financial Support

FSA would provide support to enable the successful applicant to travel between its offices, if required.

A laptop would be loaned for the duration of the placement.

Supporting Information

There are a number of existing research projects which data and understanding could be drawn from, these include:

- [Food and Generation Z](#)
- [The COVID-19 Consumer Research](#)
- [National Diet and Nutrition Survey](#)
- [Rapid review of 'Moments of Change' and food related behaviours.](#)
- [Food and You](#)
- Food and You 2 (forthcoming)
- [Higher Education Student Data](#)

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