

Dear Sir/Madam,

Undergraduate Q Step Internship with the Home Office Modern Slavery

I am in my second year of study for a BA (Hons) in Criminology at the University of Manchester and read with great interest about the current Q step internship on Modern Slavery that you advertised. I am strongly attracted to a career in crime and policing analysis as I hugely enjoy the data analysis work that I am undertaking as part of my degree.

I am very passionate about working for you as your responsibilities lie in reducing and preventing crime as well as securing the UK border. As a result of my interest in this area, my attention has been drawn to the development of the 'Duty to Notify the Home Office of Potential Victims of Modern Slavery' under section 52 of the Modern Slavery Act 2015. This demonstrates how slavery is an increasingly important issue in our society and that it is an area which needs more analysis to develop a clearer understanding, especially in regards to the nature and scale of it.

In the module 'Psychology, Crime and Criminal Justice', which I studied last year, I learnt about the relationships between victims and offenders, in particular the nature of the relationship, whether a person knows the offender or not, affects the seriousness of the crime. In this module I gained an excellent result of 72%. The knowledge I have gained from this provided me with an essential understanding of the different relationships between offenders and victims which will be useful in explaining the characteristics of modern slavery. The prospect of contributing to a leading government department responsible for such an important issue is truly appealing.

In my university career to date, I have achieved excellent grades and hope to graduate with a first. My first year average was 69% and my second year, first semester average is 72%, showing my grades are improving. So far my results for my research methods courses are outstanding, I achieved 79% for Accessing and Understanding Data for Criminologists, a Q-Step eligible course. In this course, I learnt about the benefits and limitations of using existing official data, like police data, for secondary analysis, which is particularly relevant for this placement.

This semester, I am learning to assess and analyse secondary quantitative data, producing frequency distributions, measures of central tendency and dispersion, cross tabulations, tests of statistical significance, and regression analysis, using R software. For my assignment, I am analysing data from the Crime Survey of England and Wales, assessing whether levels of confidence in the police are affected by gender and fear of crime. The report involves writing up the results of different relationships between the main variables and producing visual representations of the data. This experience and these skills make me ideal for analysing the relationships between victims and offenders and the characteristics of victims in Modern Slavery.

As you can see from my CV, I offer further relevant skills. I have developed my communication and problem solving skills in a variety of settings. As a volunteer student ambassador at university, I talk to groups of students and their families about our courses and the facilities at Manchester. My part time job requires me to lead a team of eight members and to communicate to resolve any problems that may arise with customers.

Further, my average grades demonstrate I have excellent academic writing skills, I have achieved firsts and 2:1s for all of my coursework. I have developed my oral presentation skills producing a presentation on police stop and search procedure, for which I achieved a first. As a volunteer for the AIU Race Relations Centre, I also create visual learning resources about Islamophobia. Furthermore, I can work both independently and as part of a team. My teamwork skills have been developed as a member of the University of Manchester Lacrosse club and as a volunteer for the AIU Race Relations Centre. I can also work independently and I am required to do so for most of my university assignments.

I strongly believe that I have the skills and enthusiasm to be a successful intern and I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully,