



SHARE Summer Research Experience Programme 2024

School of the Humanities and Social
Sciences University of Cambridge

<https://www.cshss.cam.ac.uk/share>





Agenda

About the programme

- Claire Prendergast, Postgraduate Recruitment Manager, SHSS
- Emiko Priest, Senior School Administrator, SHSS

Living in Cambridge – Gonville & Caius College

- Rebecca Sugden, Acting Deputy Senior Tutor (Postgraduates)
- Wendy Fox, Accommodation Manager

Training and Personal Development

- Alison Harvey, Inclusive Learning and Development Manager, CAM-DTP

The intern experience

- Sian Posy, class of '22

Q&A session



About the programme

SHARE aims to enhance diversity and inclusiveness within the social sciences at Cambridge, and in UK academia more broadly through improved access to research experience.

- Fourth year of the scheme, third year in person
- 26 students have been through the programme
- Previous participants have gone on to postgraduate study and research at Essex, Bristol, Cambridge, and elsewhere
- Now open to those who have graduated but not gone on to PG study
- Will spend time immersed in live research projects to get a flavour of what postgraduate research is really like
- Provided with training and development sessions
- Unique experience of living in a College





Format of the internship

- Aim to assign two interns to each project
- Spend one day a week (Mondays) on training and personal development
- Spend other four days in the department working on the research project
- Evenings and weekends are your own
- Final day – presentations from each intern about your experience (you will get help and support to achieve this!)





Making an application

- Review the project options online
- Gather your documentation - transcripts, evidence of funding etc
- Prepare your personal and project statements
- Line up your referee
- Make your application
- Closing date is 23.45 on Friday 1 March





Living in Cambridge

Rebecca Sugden, Acting Deputy Senior Tutor (Postgraduates)
Wendy Fox, Accommodation Manager

Gonville and Caius College

Student Mentors

- Postgraduate students at the College
- Support and guidance

Accommodation

- Central location in historic surroundings
- Self-catering, with access to college refectory during the day
- Access to laundry facilities, college library, gym

Social

- Social events
- Traditional to have end of internship dinner in last week



Training and Development

Alison Harvey, Inclusive Learning and Development Manager

Every Monday will be dedicated to training from 10am to 4pm

Research Methods/Professional and Personal Development

Will include:

- Writing a research proposal
- How to do a literature review
- Different types of methodologies
- Imposter Syndrome
- Being a Reflective Researcher

1-2-1 sessions

- With Alison

Presentation

- Final day of the programme – skills and support training will be provided for presentation from each intern





Intern Experience

Sian Posy, SHARE intern 2022

- **Why I applied**
- **What thought it would be like before I came**
- **What it was actually like**
- **What I gained from the experience**



Feedback

"I grew up on a council estate that often goes forgotten due to the wealthy area that surrounds it. I heard about the SHARE scheme through my university and rushed back home to write an application as fast as I could. The experience to do paid research through the summer was the main draw to the scheme. The chance to be surrounded by such talented and learned academics, to be able to ask them questions and learn useful skills and tips for both research and postgraduate applications was absolutely invaluable. I loved it.

This has given me unbelievable insight and access to help me understand what needs to be done in order to progress through my career. My intentions are to do a Masters and then a PhD with the (perhaps naïve!) hope of becoming a lecturer. From the research skills we learnt, to learning about the extensive funding opportunities, as well as getting to meet loads of people who have managed to succeed through their academic careers, it was awesome."

Daniel Newton
University of Westminster
SHARE '22

Currently studying PhD at University of Bristol



"I applied because I think the SHARE programme will open a lot of doors for me – it's a big opportunity. I learned a lot and I know these are skills I can transfer into my own research. I had a lot of imposter syndrome but [the programme] made me realise this is for me and I do want to go into research and academia."

Junad Miah
Goldsmiths University in London
SHARE '23

"It has helped me realise what postgraduate study is like, as someone who was the first in their family to go to university, let alone go to Cambridge. The internship has taught me what research consists of and it has shown me this is definitely for me."

Chloé Hawryluk
University of Liverpool
SHARE '23





Any questions please email
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Closing date for applications:
23:45 on 1 March 2024

