

Dear DTC Coordinators,

I'm writing to ask if you could circulate details to your doctoral students about an exciting opportunity to present research findings at the Home Office.

## **Background**

Home Office Analysis and Insight is a directorate within the Home Office employing more than 350 analysts, including social and operational researchers, economists, statisticians and data scientists. Their role is to provide the best possible evidence to underpin policy-making, working in high profile areas such as crime and policing, counter-terrorism, extremism, borders and migration.

We engage closely with the academic community and are keen to keep up with the latest research findings, therefore we'd like to invite doctoral students working in relevant areas to present their research to us. This opportunity would most likely benefit students in the later stages of their PhD, who have collected their data and are in the process of analysis or writing up. The seminars would last around an hour, with 40 minutes for a presentation by the student and 20 minutes for questions and discussion. They can be arranged at a time convenient for the student in our offices in Central London or Croydon from April 2019 onwards.

## **Objectives**

1. To inform Home Office policy makers of research which may support innovative policy making in their respective policy areas.
2. To establish relationships between the department and researchers in criminology, crime prevention, migration, and or terrorism developing researchers' understanding of how their research can be of most use to policy makers.

## **Benefits to students**

This would be a good opportunity for doctoral students to help shape their research to be of use to policymakers and impact critical decision making which ultimately benefits the public and gain experience of presenting research to a policy-focused audience. It could also provide useful networking opportunities for their future careers. We can pay reasonable travel expenses (a basic return train fare/mileage and arrange refreshments as required. Unfortunately, we will not be able to accommodate overnight stay and other expenses?).

Students should submit expressions of interest to [CentreofExcellence2@homeoffice.gov.uk](mailto:CentreofExcellence2@homeoffice.gov.uk) we will also be happy to answer any questions relating to this opportunity. Expressions of interest should include the title of the research and an abstract of no more than 250 words. This does not have to be the final abstract for the presentation, but should include a brief description of the research area and questions, its methodology and any findings to date. You should also indicate your year of study.

We aim to provide a supportive environment for students to present work in progress, so the PhD does not have to be completed to present. Presenters should be currently enrolled in or have recently completed a doctoral programme, either full or part-time, and can be funded from any source. Please feel free to circulate this email to your networks.

The deadline for expressions of interest is Friday 30th of November 2018 and we aim to provide brief feedback to all interested students by Friday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards,

**Centre of Excellence Unit**

