

## **PaCCS Placement: Office of the Independent Anti-Slavery Commissioner**

*Fixed term: 3 months between January & May 2020.*

**REFERENCE:** PaCCS Placement (OIASC).

**CLOSING DATE:** 30 October 2019

**COMPENSATION:** *A Student Maintenance Grant of £3,550 is provided to cover the 3 months*  
+ eligible travel & accommodation costs incurred during the placement up to a limit of £2,400

UKRI's Partnership for Conflict, Crime & Security Research (PaCCS) is seeking a research student to undertake a placement, spending three months working with Office of the Independent Anti-Slavery Commissioner (IASC) to undertake a review of research being carried out into slavery and trafficking to establish to what extent research has had an impact, and suggest ways to obtain more impact from it.

**This placement is part of the PaCCS programme *Transnational Organised Crime: Deepening & Broadening Our Understanding*<sup>1</sup>.** The candidate will have access to IASC's offices in London, with a point-of-contact there acting to provide support and supervision. Much of the work can be conducted from the researcher's home-base, but the successful candidate will be expected to travel to speak to stakeholders as and when required. The successful candidate will report to Dr Tristram Riley-Smith (Associate Fellow at Cambridge's Centre for Science & Policy and PaCCS Research Integrator) but will work very closely with IASC.

The job will initially entail discussions with relevant stakeholders; reading through academic and non-academic literature (identified in consultation with the IASC supervisor and others); collating and analysing the results; drafting a report which can be shared with the PaCCS community and other interested parties (written in a way that is easily understood by policy audiences). This report will be the key output of this placement and will be used by IASC and PaCCS to inform policy thinking and, if appropriate, future research calls in this area. There will be a requirement to present findings to IASC and this could extend to policy-makers and practitioners in Government and the Third Sector. The candidate will be required to work with the IASC team to support the planning of outputs following/surrounding the report's publication.

**Mandatory Competencies:** the successful candidate will have strong academic grounding in either Arts, Humanities, Social or Behavioural Science, with demonstrable research interest of one or more of the PaCCS themes (Conflict, Crime and Security). The candidate will have strong analytical skills, strong oral and written communication skills. The post is best-suited to those studying towards a PhD where the PaCCS funding (in the form of a Student Maintenance Grant) would allow – with the support of UKRI and the necessary approval of the researcher's university – three months to be “taken out” to

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<sup>1</sup> [www.paccsresearch.org.uk/tnoc-deepening-and-broadening-our-understanding-2018-call-awarded-projects/](http://www.paccsresearch.org.uk/tnoc-deepening-and-broadening-our-understanding-2018-call-awarded-projects/)

work on this placement. Those who are engaged in post-doctoral research are also eligible to apply. Exceptional candidates between a Masters and a PhD will also be considered.

**Desirable Competencies:** it would be very helpful if the successful candidate exhibits knowledge and understanding of issues surrounding Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking. It is also desirable to be able to demonstrate evidence of team-working and a commitment to work across relevant disciplines. The candidate should be able to demonstrate an understanding of the link between research, policy and operations.

To apply for this vacancy, please email [n.buckley@jbs.cam.ac.uk](mailto:n.buckley@jbs.cam.ac.uk) by midnight on the Closing Date, providing a one-page cv and a covering letter describing:

- a. your current research (150 words);
- b. skills you can bring to this placement and your achievements to date of relevance to undertaking this work (200 words)
- c. what you hope to gain from this placement? (150 words)

**Before any successful Placement commences, we will require the written approval of your University Supervisor and Research Office<sup>2</sup>. At this early stage, please confirm they have been consulted and agree in principle to this application.**

*We value diversity and we are committed to equality of opportunity.*

*We have a responsibility to ensure that the grant-holder is eligible to live and work in the UK.*

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<sup>2</sup> UKRI guidance stipulates that:

- research students may undertake a work placement or internship where this is either directly related to the student's training, or provides valuable transferable skills and, provided this is well justified and approved in advance by their Supervisor and Research Organisation;
- any existing studentship (linked to the person taking up the PaCCS Placement) will need to be suspended for the period of the Placement; the studentship will recommence once the Placement had ended, with the funding end date for the studentship being amended accordingly.



#### **IASC**

The Independent Anti-Slavery Commissioner is a public appointment. Her remit is set out in the Modern Slavery Act 2015. The Commissioner has a UK-wide remit to encourage good practice in the prevention, detection, investigation and prosecution of slavery and human trafficking offences and the identification of victims.

To carry out her function the Independent Anti-Slavery Commissioner can:

- make a report on any permitted matter to the Secretary of State, the Scottish Ministers and the Department of Justice in Northern Ireland (reports must be requested by the Secretary of State, the Scottish Ministers or the Department of Justice in Northern Ireland; or be as detailed in this strategy)
  - publish reports (as laid out in the Act)
  - make recommendations to any public authority about the exercise of its functions
  - undertake or support the carrying out of research
  - provide information, education or training
- consult and co-operate with public authorities, voluntary organisations and other persons

See: [www.antislaverycommissioner.co.uk/](http://www.antislaverycommissioner.co.uk/)

#### **CSaP**

The Centre for Science and Policy, based at the University of Cambridge, works to improve public policy through the more effective use of evidence and expertise. CSaP does this by creating opportunities for public policy professionals and academics to learn from each other, through Policy Fellowships, workshops, and professional development. CSaP works with universities across the UK, and is administratively anchored in the Judge Business School, University of Cambridge. See [www.csap.cam.ac.uk](http://www.csap.cam.ac.uk)

#### **PaCCS**

The Partnership for Conflict, Crime and Security Research is an initiative of the Research Councils which now form part of UK Research and Innovation (UKRI). The Partnership's aim has been to deliver high-quality and cutting-edge research to help improve our understanding of current and future global security challenges (focusing on the themes of Conflict, Cybersecurity and Transnational Organised Crime). It has brought together researchers from across disciplines to work on innovative projects and created opportunities for knowledge exchange between academia, government, industry and the not-for-profit sector. See: [www.paccsresearch.org.uk/](http://www.paccsresearch.org.uk/)