

## Bath Insights Internship – Research and Impact

**Department:** Research and Impact Services

**Theme:** Other

**Positions available:** Two interns (working collaboratively on the same project)

### About the role:

This project will support the University's [Research Excellence Framework \(REF\)](#) submission, particularly the preparation of our Impact\* Case Studies. The REF is an external assessment we submit to every 7 to 8 years to assess the quality and impact of our research. This project fits with our strategic goal of Global Excellence with Impact and our performance in this assessment process is a strategic priority for the University.

You'll be working with our researchers and teams of professional services staff to discover and record evidence of how our research is making a real difference in the world. The impact from our research can often be generated many years after the original research was done, making it hard to track. Your role will be crucial in being able to demonstrate how our research at Bath has contributed to real world change.

You will support ongoing work by conducting desk-based research, interviews, surveys, developing or collecting written testimonials among other sources; as well as record evidence of impact in PURE (our research information system). Each case study is different and so no two will have the same support needs or evidence requirements. By the end of the internship, you will have worked on a number of case studies (approx. n=4) to bring their impact evidence up to date and furthered their development towards our REF submission.

You will receive training and support from the Research Impact Team, and other professional services staff, in identifying, evidencing and recording impact. You will have a chance to use and improve existing resources to ensure these are fit for purpose and useful to all staff working on research impact. You will learn how to manage competing priorities in a professional setting, how to use desk-based research tools (such as Altmetrics) and research information system (PURE), synthesise complex information and write and tailor formal communications to engage a wide range of global stakeholders (both academic and non-academic), as well as potentially conduct stakeholder mapping and interviews.

\*Research impact is defined as 'an effect on, change or benefit to the economy, society, culture, public policy or services, health, the environment or quality of life, beyond academia'. Higher Education Funding Council for England.

Research impact demonstrates how Bath's research benefits society, the economy, culture, health, and the environment—beyond academia. Your work will help showcase these contributions and ensure Bath performs strongly in the REF assessment.

**Skills you'll develop:**

- Research and evidence gathering using multiple sources
- Data recording and management in research systems (PURE)
- Communication and writing for diverse global stakeholders
- Stakeholder engagement and interviews
- Using research analytics tools (e.g., Altmetrics)
- Managing competing priorities in a professional setting

**Ideal for students who:**

- are interested in research, policy, and global impact
- enjoy investigative work and synthesising complex information
- want to develop professional communication and stakeholder engagement skills