

## ESCR Third Sector Placement Fellowships

### INTRODUCTION

Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) have announced Placement Fellowships to provide a unique opportunity for social science researchers to spend time within a third sector organisation to undertake practice-relevant research and work with the host organisation on specific projects. The placements enable third sector organisations to access collaborative funding, academic expertise, innovative ideas and the opportunity to enhance the organisations creativity, effectiveness and impact; all of which are crucial for enhancing and supporting the third sector through a challenging economic climate.

The aims of the placements are to:

- Promote the application and co-production of knowledge between Research Organisations and third sector organisations;
- Promote an evidence-based culture within the third sector;
- Provide third sector organisations with research-informed evidence to develop and review strategic and operational policy and practices;
- Enhance the research capacity of the collaborating third sector organisations;
- Provide career development opportunities and offer skills up-dating;
- Expand networks for third sector organisations into academia and vice versa;
- Enables all parties to develop their understanding of the interaction between research and the development of third sector policy and practice.

#### Key Facts

**Third Sector Placement Fellowships for 1 to 3 months**

**Grants of up to £20,000**

**Deadline for applications 10th November 2009**

## DURATION AND COST

The placements enable the temporary employment (either on a full time or part time basis) of individuals to/from third sector and academia for 1-3 months in duration. Grants will commence in January-February 2010 and all costs are paid at 100 percent rate (as opposed to the standard 80 percent fEC funding model). The cost of the placement must not exceed the maximum funding of £20,000 and the third sector organisation will be expected to provide a 25 percent (maximum of £5,000) contribution towards the total cost of the placement. Fellows would normally be expected to spend at least 50 percent of their time working in the host organisation's offices to facilitate the two-way flow of dialogue and knowledge.

## ASSESSMENT PROCESS & DEADLINES

All applications should be made via the Research Council Joint Electronic Submission System (Je-S) and submitted to the ESRC by no later than **4.00pm on the 10th November 2009**. Proposals must be approved with costing by the relevant institutional authority at the Research Organisation before submission to the ESRC and a letter of support from the host third sector organisation is required.

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