



# Information for business and industry

## How student placements can work for you.

Postgraduate student placements can bring huge benefits for business and industry – with the benefit of working with talented researchers who can help you develop new business ideas and perspectives.

A placement also allows postgraduates to gain critical skills and knowledge in working with colleagues outside academia, while strengthening our partnerships with business.

For more information please contact the DTP Manager on 0191 334 2916 or [contact.nine@durham.ac.uk](mailto:contact.nine@durham.ac.uk)



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# About the NINE DTP

The Northern Ireland and North East (NINE) Doctoral Training Partnership was formed in 2016 between Durham, Newcastle, Northumbria, Queen's University Belfast, Sunderland, Teesside and Ulster universities.

Our students are social sciences doctoral candidates, engaged in projects at the cutting edge of research in their field. Demonstrating a vast wealth of knowledge, whether in relation to the subject matter, methodological conception, or execution, the research our students are undertaking can be **world-changing**.

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## What's in it for you?

- **Researcher:** access to a practitioner of cutting-edge research.
- **Fresh student thinking:** commission live project work for which you may otherwise not have the resources.
- **Skilled communicators:** our PhD candidates will present the results of their research and discuss how they can be applied to your business or industry challenge.

## What do we need from you?

In return, you'll need to provide:

- **Project brief:** summary of placement activities and planned outputs.
- **Resource:** access to appropriate facilities, equipment and resources, including data sets.
- **Supervisor:** a named supervisor within the organisation who can mentor and offer advice to the student throughout their placement.

## Further information

Placements can last for a period of up to three months. During the placement period, the doctoral candidate will not be conducting their studies, but will focus on delivering a piece of work for your business – whether that is policy creation, dissemination or data analysis.

Students cannot sign a contract of employment with the host institution; however, we would expect all partner institutions to contribute to the running costs of the placement.



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