

We are looking for postgraduate students to participate in the Grand Challenges programme as enquiry group facilitators.

The Grand Challenges Programme

Grand Challenges is a week-long undergraduate programme, taking place between 5th-9th June 2017. Students work in cross-disciplinary groups to address a 21st Century Challenge. This year's topics include climate change, food systems and global security.

Facilitators are an essential part of the overall success of the Grand Challenges programme. They work closely with the undergraduates, academics and external experts to ensure that the experience is well co-ordinated and that all students maximise their educational experience and potential.

Visit the <u>Grand Challenges website</u> for further information about the programme.

The Facilitator Role

Facilitators help to plan, guide and manage a group, ensuring that the group's objectives are met effectively, with clear thinking, good participation and full buy-in from all students involved. Facilitators are *not* expected to teach subject content to their groups; in this role, you need to understand more about how people learn than about the subject the students are investigating. However, some of the challenges are asking for subject-specific knowledge (see below).

Person specification

Highly Desirable Criteria

- Completion of LTHE Stage 1
- If you are applying for the Global Security Challenge, you should have an expertise (teaching or research based) in the broad fields of security and strategy
- If you are applying for the Food for Thought Challenge, you should have relevant research experience and expertise in this area.

Desirable Criteria

- Good facilitation skills and experience
- Ability to work effectively with a wide range of staff, students and external contacts with diverse interests and needs to deliver multiple objectives
- An understanding of the benefits of interdisciplinary, employability, research-led education and student-led learning in a university education
- Ability to engage the interest and enthusiasm of students and inspire them to learn
- Excellent organisational skills, including time management and planning within the framework of the agreed programme
- Excellent team working skills
- Proactive 'can do' attitude with good problem solving skills

Training and remuneration

Facilitators will be paid a fixed amount of £815 and must be able to commit to approximately 50 hours of work including:

- Attending a training session in the Spring Term.
- Attending planning workshops between January and June with the academics running the Challenges.
- Facilitate enquiry group sessions during Grand Challenges Week (5th 9th June 2017).

For further information and to apply: https://mycareerzone.exeter.ac.uk/Form.aspx?id=456260

The deadline for applications is 4th December 2016.