PhD Student induction

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Agenda

- Welcome and staff introductions
- Student introductions
- Activity
- Introduction to the ADR UK programme
- Getting started: becoming accredited
- First steps: accessing the data
- PhD grant requirements
- In-person induction and cohort building
- Methodological Special Interest Group
- Discussion/Q&A
ADR PhD Cohort: Doctoral Training Partnerships and institutions

SCOTTISH GRADUATE SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCE
University of Edinburgh

NORTHERN IRELAND AND NORTH EAST
Northumbria University

NORTH WEST SOCIAL SCIENCE
University of Liverpool

WHITE ROSE SOCIAL SCIENCES
University of Sheffield

MIDLANDS GRADUATE SCHOOL
University of Leicester
University of Birmingham
University of Nottingham

CAMBRIDGE SOCIAL SCIENCE
University of Cambridge

WALES
Cardiff University
Swansea University

LONDON INTERDISCIPLINARY SOCIAL SCIENCE
Kings College London
LSE
London School of Economics
UCL, BLOOMSBURY AND EAST LONDON
University College London

SOUTH WEST
University of Bristol
University of Exeter

SOUTH EAST NETWORK FOR SOCIAL SCIENCES (SENSS)
University of Reading

SOUTH COAST
University of Southampton
What are you most looking forward to in your PhD?
What does ADR UK do?

- Work with government departments to open up their administrative data for research
- Fund linkage of these datasets

Trust

- Fund a network of trusted research environments:

Data

Public engagement

- User representation groups
- Public dialogue

Access

Training

- Programme of training and capacity building activities

Research

- Fund research fellows and PhD students to use newly linked datasets
ADR UK Training and Capacity Building strategy

ADR UK
Front door for
Linked Administrative Data

20 funded PhDs
Signposting
Generic tools
Dataset-specific tools

adruk.org/learning-hub

Communities
Networks
Conferences
Events

Data Catalogues

Synthetic data
Experts
Courses
Webinars
Videos
Getting Started: Accredited Researcher Status (Safe People)
Data Access across the ADR UK Partnership

- ADR flagship data are shared under the DEA (Digital Economy Act), and accessed through our partner Trusted Research Environments (TREs) across the UK:
  - **Office for National Statistics (ONS): Secure Research Service (SRS)**
  - **SAIL Databank**
  - **electronic Data Research & Innovation Service (eDRIS)**
  - **Northern Ireland Statistics & Research Agency (NISRA)**

- All ADR UK TREs have adopted the **Five Safes Framework**. Adherence to these principles governs application for, access to and use of data at all stages of projects.
## Five Safes Framework

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<th>Framework</th>
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<td><strong>SAFE DATA</strong></td>
<td>Data is treated to protect any confidentiality concerns.</td>
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<td><strong>SAFE PROJECTS</strong></td>
<td>Research projects are approved by data owners for the public good.</td>
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<td><strong>SAFE PEOPLE</strong></td>
<td>Researchers are trained and authorised to use data safely.</td>
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<td><strong>SAFE SETTINGS</strong></td>
<td>DEA Accredited Processors that enable access to sensitive deidentified data.</td>
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<td><strong>SAFE OUTPUTS</strong></td>
<td>Screened and approved outputs that are non-disclosive.</td>
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Becoming an accredited researcher

Criteria
You must have either:
• an undergraduate degree (or higher) including a significant proportion of mathematics or statistics or
• be able to demonstrate at least 3 years quantitative research experience

and
• undertake training
• agree to be included on the UKSA Public Register
• sign a declaration

How to apply
1. Submit an online application via the Research Accreditation Service
2. Sign up to a training session – currently virtual
3. Complete an online assessment

Requirement for access to eDRIS:
ONS Safe Researcher Training course (ONS-SRT) only.

For any questions, contact:
srs.customer.support@ons.gov.uk
First Steps: Accessing the Data
(Safe Projects and Safe Settings)
Steps to Data Access

1. **Submit project application to the TRE** (exception: MoJ-DfE dataset – application is submitted to data owners)
   - ONS – [Research Accreditation Service](#)
   - SAIL – [Apply to work with the data](#)
   - eDRIS – [Initial enquiry form | Research Data Scotland](#)

2. **Assigned a “navigator” to support with application. They will guide you through e.g.**:
   - Feasibility
   - Methodology and technical requirements
   - Data Owner approval
   - Ethics and other forms which may be required
     - SAIL: Independent Information Governance Review (IGPR) approval, if required

3. **Prepare for UKSA approval** (Research Accreditation Panel, RAP) – *if applicable*
   - Any further documentation required for RAP panel
   - RAP accreditation is variable and usually takes 6–8 weeks

4. **Data access and project start**
   - Any data sharing agreements or disclosure forms
   - Physical access to the project space (Safe Rooms, Safe Pods, AOC, etc.)
   - Data outputs and disclosure

**NOTE**
All researcher outputs will go through a statistical disclosure control
## Data Access: Costs & Timelines

- Requirements and timescales vary depending on the dataset, and the nature and complexity of the project and the data involved. See [Data Access Checklists](#) specific to your dataset(s) for further details.

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<th>SAIL Databank</th>
<th>eDRIS</th>
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<td><strong>Data Access Costs</strong></td>
<td>SRS costs <strong>covered</strong> automatically by ADR UK</td>
<td>SAIL has <strong>waived</strong> fees for all students at Wales DTP</td>
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<td><strong>Estimated Data Access Timelines</strong></td>
<td>Once research project application (RPA) form is submitted: 8-12 weeks for approvals</td>
<td>Project scoping: depends on collaborative discussions between SAIL/researcher</td>
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<td>Access to data (project space set up in SRS): 7-10 working</td>
<td>IGRP/RAP approval: 10-14 weeks</td>
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Once your project is approved, you will be contacted by SRS customer service to sign your Accredited Researcher Assurance Registration (ARAR).

Data access will then be based on your:

a) project’s access level, and

b) connectivity routes available to you:
   • Safe room (ONS offices in Titchfield and Newport)
   • SafePod Network (23 locations)
   • Assured Organisational Connectivity (AOC)

Each dataset in the catalogue is marked with an access level:
- Level 0 – safe room only
- Level 1 – safe room and SafePod only
- Level 2 – safe room, SafePod, and AOC office access
- Level 3 – safe room, SafePod, AOC office and remote (home) access

Useful Links
- ONS-Access the Data securely
- ASHE-Census (WED) [L3]
- GRADE [L3; data being refreshed]
- GUiE [L3]
- LEO [L2]
- Data First: Cross-Justice System Linked Datasets [L3]
- Data First: MoJ-DfE Datashare [L2; data being refreshed]
SAIL Databank

Before applying to access the data, please make an enquiry to discuss your project.

Once all approvals are in place, data access will then be available through:

1. Secure remote access (SAIL Gateway)
2. SafePod Network

Useful Links

- Make an enquiry
- Remote access via SAIL Gateway

- Welsh Environmental dataset
- Children Looked After Datasets Wales
- Data First: Family court –Cafcass linked dataset
The Public Health Scotland electronic Data Research & Innovation Service (eDRIS) provides access to the Scottish National Safe Haven (NSH) secure analytical environment.

The eDRIS team supports researchers with applying for permission and access to secure public sector data within the Scottish National Safe Haven. Data access will then be available through:

1. Secure access points (Edinburgh BioQuarter, select Scottish universities)
2. Remote access

Useful Links
- Research Data Scotland- Data access overview
- Public Health Scotland- Use of the National Safe Haven
- SCADR- Accessing data
- Scottish Government: Looked After Children Longitudinal Dataset
ADR UK PhD Grant Requirements
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Supervisory Team

• All students must have a **supervisory team**.
• At least one member of the supervisory team must be an **accredited researcher**.
• ADR UK must be informed in writing of any changes to the supervisory team.

Reporting Requirements

• **Virtual check-in** with ADR UK **within the first six months** of the studentship – attended by student and primary supervisor.
• **Progress check-in reports** on a **quarterly basis** throughout the studentship using the ADR UK Template – completed by student, signed off by primary supervisor.
ADR UK Grant Requirements

Data: Approvals and Deposit

• Within the first year of the studentship, written confirmation from student (e.g., from the UKSA RAP or ADR UK-funded TRE) that they have been given permission to use all necessary datasets for their project

• Any statistical code and enhanced user documentation or guides generated must be made available through an ADR UK-funded TRE

Placements (optional)

• Funding will be provided for a maximum 3-month placement and further guidance on placements can be found in the ESRC Postgraduate Training and Development Guidelines 2022.

Keep an eye out on the ADR UK PhD Noticeboard for potential placement opportunities
ADR UK Grant Requirements

Collaboration & Networking

• Engage with ADR UK to build networks between projects supported by this initiative and discuss research progress (e.g., via events).

Branding & Public Notifications

• Display the UKRI/ESRC and ADR UK logos on all promotional and corporate material, including any outputs (publications, reports, presentations, websites, and stationery) and acknowledge ADR UK’s support in any publication, announcement, and press coverage.

• Advanced notice and sight of all public communications and press releases (including books, monographs and journal articles arising from its work) and notifying ADR UK of publicity or coverage in the media.
In-person inductions and Cohort building
Student induction 2024

Join us for an exciting event designed exclusively for you! Come along to:

• Connect with fellow PhD students
• Learn what to expect first hand from the ADR UK team, data stakeholders and our research fellows
• Workshops and practical sessions to enhance your skills and knowledge.
• Q&A Sessions: Have your burning questions answered in one place

Travel and accommodation for attendees will be covered by the ADR UK.

Please email ADRStudentships@esrc.ukri.org or Elizabeth.Pattinson@esrc.ukri.org if you have any requirements we should be aware of.

KEY DETAILS

Location: Faculty of Education, University of Cambridge

Day 1, 10th January: All welcome! Students and one of their supervisors are invited to arrive late morning

Day 2: 11th January: After staying the night, the students are invited for a second day of activities, finishing in the afternoon
Further Resources

We are building brand-new section on the ADR UK website, specially curated for you. This page will be your gateway to upcoming events, training opportunities, and much more.

Once this is launched, don't forget to bookmark it and visit regularly to make the most of what's on offer!

PHD NOTICEBOARD

View upcoming networking opportunities and events ran by ADR UK, the researcher community and our partners

Browse our resources and training courses available

Review your Programme requirements, such as reporting.

Learn how you will access your datasets with our information pack:

- Data access Handbook
- Data access checklists
- ADR UK Flagships datasets
ADR UK
PhD Cohort Support
MSIG
NCRM’s Methodological Special Interest Group(s)

• create a forum where shared discussion, supportive networks and dissemination of methodological insight occurs

• identify and create opportunities for engagement and collaboration on areas of mutual benefit

• organise research events, such as conferences, seminars and lectures, focusing on identified methodologies
Attend an information session (two slots available, choose one)

Mon 23rd October 1-2pm
tinyurl.com/ADRMSIG1

Tues 24th October 6-7pm
tinyurl.com/ADRMSIG2
Questions?