



The Scholarship
of Engagement
for Politics



Information for Prospective Placement Providers

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The Scholarship of Engagement for Politics is a three-year project involving the Politics departments of the University of Warwick, Oxford Brookes University and Coventry University. The project explores the use of placements in enabling students to deepen their understanding of politics and examines various ways of embedding placements in the formal curriculum of Politics and International Relations courses. The project is funded by the Higher Education Funding Council for England (HEFCE) through the Fund for the Development of Teaching and Learning (FDTL).

As the central element of this project, we seek to place second year undergraduate Politics students from the above universities with a variety of political actors and organizations, from MPs, MEPs, district councillors and local government offices through to NGOs, organizations in the voluntary sector and the media. The first round of placements will take place between January and April 2006, with second and third rounds scheduled to take place between September 2006 and May 2007.

Supporting the Student and the Placement Provider

In contrast to pre-existing placement learning activities on Politics courses across the country – which are generally organised on a voluntary basis by students themselves – we will provide the student and placement provider with full pre-placement briefings, along with support (both online and in person) during the placement itself. The universities involved in this project will establish formal partnership agreements with placement providers, setting out the responsibilities and expectations of the universities, students and placement providers respectively.

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Further Information

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