Overview of Policy Fellowship Opportunities 2021

Host	Fellowship Title	Theme	Summary	Academic disciplines	Opportunity-specific criteria *Please expand rows for full details*	Duration and commitment for core placement	Start date(s)	Career stage	Location
Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy (BEIS)	BEIS Net Zero Behavioural Science	Net Zero	Opportunity to use behavioural science skills to improve high-profile net zero policies. Providing a review of areas where behavioural science could best support the delivery of net zero and offering behavioural	Behavioural Science expertise (e.g. Behavioural Economics, Social/Behavioural Psychology), Human Geography, (Social Social Sciences)	Experience of working on energy/climate change. Academic background in Behavioural Science expertise (e.g. Behavioural Economics, Social/Behavioural Psychology, Climate Social Sciences)	9 - 12 months 0.5 to 1 FTE	December 2021 - February 2022 (before 14 February)	Early or mid-career	N/A - Highly flexible
Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy (BEIS)	BEIS Net Zero Digital or Data Social Science	Net Zero	Net zero digital or data social scientist working closely with net zero policy teams and social research. Using innovative techniques (e.g. agent-based modelling) to improve the representation of social and behavioural factors in energy/climate modelling and pathways to net zero.	Social Science expertise, Data Science or Digital Methods expertise.	PhD in relevant subject (or substantial relevant, practical experience Expertise in digital or data science approaches • Expertise/knowledge of using digital/data science in combination with social/behavioural science • Knowledge of energy/climate policy areas (desirable)	9 - 12 months 0.5 to 1 FTE	December 2021 - February 2022 (before 14 February)	Early or mid-career	N/A - Highly flexible
Cabinet Office (CO)	CO Evaluation Task Force	Evaluation	Opportunity to shape a reform programme at the heart of government, to drive a step change in evaluation, evidence-based decision-making and outcomes for the public.	N/A	Specialist evaluation skills, preferably in (quasi) experimental methods and portfolio evaluation	12 months 0.8 - 1 FTE	Dec-21	Early or mid-career	Remote working available. Regular travel to London (around once a week)
Cabinet Office (CO)	CO National Security	National Security and Foreign Policy	Design and conduct a gap analysis across National Security and International Policy with the aim of developing meaningful research questions, contributing to the NSS Areas of Research Interest, and to be effectively engaged with by academics and industry.	Social science, security policy, intelligence studies, cyber science, environmental security, international relations	Strong social research methods knowledge and analytical skills, including proven ability to: conduct literature reviews, critically appraise and analyse both qualitative and quantitative evidence and construct meaningful research questions. • Excellent verbal and written communication skills including experience of stakeholder engagement and management, and ability to lead collaboration effectively across both academic, non-academic and government contexts. • Experience and/or demonstrated interest in policy areas set out across the Integrated Review strategic pillars: science and technology, security and defence, international policy and resilience.	12 months 0.7 to 1 FTE	Feb-22	Early career	Option to work remotely with occasional working in London office required (we anticipate this may be approximately once a week)
Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs (DEFRA)	DEFRA Behavioural science and Net Zero	Net Zero	This fellowship will explore which individual or societal behaviour change approaches Defra should prioritise to deliver the largest greenhouse gas benefits, alongside wider environmental benefits.	Behavioural science, behavioural economics, or systems research in a climate related area	Experience of combining social science research in the field of climate change • Ability to work with natural science experts in assessing CO2 impacts of behaviour. • Research background in behavioural science, behavioural economics, or systems research in a climate related area.	12 months 1 FTE (ideal but can be flexible)	Dec-21	Mid-career	London office on a weekly or fortnightly basis, ideally. Open to discussing the location; fellow could be based at DEFRA's Bristol or York office.
Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs (DEFRA)	DEFRA Waste behaviour	Net Zero	This fellowship will explore behaviour change within product consumption, identifying where consumers would be most amenable to changing the way they consume.	Behavioural science, consumer behaviour	Behavioural science knowledge and expertise, ideally in either the area of production, consumption and waste; this could be from research in e.g. psychology, sociology, behavioural economics or related fields of study • Experience in consumer behaviour change or research expertise on consumption or resources would be a distinct advantage • Expertise in organisational or business behaviours, regulatory or compliance research would be an asset	12 months 1 FTE (ideal but can be flexible)	Dec-21	Early or mid-career	London office on a weekly or fortnightly basis, ideally. Open to discussing the location; fellow could be based at DEFRA's Bristol or York office.
Department for Transport (DfT)	DfT Connectivity Levelling Up	Inequalities and levelling up	To provide theoretical and applied economic analysis to the question of how transport can best support the economic and social levelling-up of places.	Applied Economics, Political Science.	Strong background on economic growth theory and economic geography • Good applied economic skills, including skills in econometrics, secondary data analysis and ability to synthesise evidence • Ability to draw on different disciplines and different sources of evidence, particularly social and behavioural science (desirable)	6 - 12 months 0.5 to 1 FTE	Dec-21	Mid-career	Flexible, occasional visits to London. May be desirable to link with international experts but likely to be virtually rather than by travelling.
Department for Transport (DfT)	DfT Decarbonising Transport	Net Zero	To investigate and build an evidence base related to an intervention that would reduce carbon emissions from the transport sector	Behavioural Science, Economist	(Either) Social research methods skills – evidence base reviews, quantitative methods, qualitative methods. (Or)	6 - 12 months 0.5 to 1 FTE	Dec-21	Mid-career	Flexible, occasional visits to London
Department for Transport (DfT)	DfT Covid Recovery User Focus	Covid Recovery	Use evidence and analysis to help meet the DfT Strategic Priority to, "Improve Transport for the User".	Behavioural Science, Social Science, Sociology/Social Research, Human Geography	•Experience of working on social science research or application of behavioural science •Understanding of in transport/travel behaviour or related topics	6 - 12 months 0.5 to 1 FTE	Dec-21	Mid-career	Flexible, occasional visits to London
Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO)	FCDO Foreign Policy and Disinformation	National Security and Foreign Policy	Foreign Policy fellowship with focus on disinformation in the context of international geopolitics	International Relations, Area Studies, Data Science, Behavioural Science, Psychology, Communications	Deep subject matter expertise on disinformation in the context of international geopolitics and with awareness of UK foreign policy	12 months 0.6 to 1 FTE	Dec-21	Early or mid-career	As well as remote working, Fellows will be required to spend time physically in the FCDO building in central
Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO)	FCDO Geographical Focus	National Security and Foreign Policy	Foreign Policy Fellowships with Geographic focus on either Indo-Pacific, Middle East and North Africa (MENA) or Europe.	Political science, international relations, anthropology, history, political economy, area studies or similar	Deep expertise on the recent and contemporary socio-politics and international relations of one of the geographical areas in the context of international geopolitics and with awareness of UK foreign policy. For MENA region-focused fellowship, Arabic and/or Farsi language skills	12 months 0.6 to 1 FTE	Dec-21	Early or mid-career	As well as remote working, Fellows will be required to spend time physically in the FCDO building in central
Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO)	FCDO International Trade Law	National Security and Foreign Policy	Foreign Policy Fellowship on International Trade Law	Law	Deep expertise on international trade law in the context of international geopolitics and with awareness of UK foreign policy	12 months 0.6 to 1 FTE	Dec-21	Mid-career	As well as remote working, Fellows will be required to spend time physically in the FCDO building in central
Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO)	FCDO National Security and the international digital and telecoms environment	National Security and Foreign Policy	Foreign Policy Fellowship on National Security and ethics, values and law in the developing international digital and telecoms environment.	Political, ethical or legal analysis of the application of technology; or computing/information specialist	Deep subject matter expertise on science and technology in National Security in the context of international geopolitics and with awareness of UK foreign policy. • Experience in applying social sciences in regard to the applications of	12 months 0.6 to 1 FTE	Dec-21	Early or mid-career	As well as remote working, Fellows will be required to spend time physically in the FCDO building in central
Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO)	FCDO Non-Proliferation	National Security and Foreign Policy	Foreign Policy Fellowship on Non-Proliferation and Arms Control. To focus on (1) Methods to manage nuclear strategic competition potentially including risk reduction, nuclear	International Relations, Security Studies, Political Science, Law and History	Deep subject matter expertise in non-proliferation in the context of international geopolitics and with awareness of UK foreign policy	12 months 0.6 to 1 FTE	Dec-21	Early or mid-career	As well as remote working, Fellows will be required to spend time physically in the FCDO building in central
Home Office (HO)	HO Cyber Crime	Crime	Evaluating the impact of cyber security behaviour change interventions. This will particularly focus on reviewing and contribute to improving the 'Cyber Protect' initiative, a key part of the National Cyber Security Strategy.	Behavioural Sciences, Psychology, Criminology, Sociology, Cyber Security, Computer Science	Previous experience in cyber crime or cyber security areas would be highly desirable. Skills in project and/or programme evaluation and monitoring are also highly desirable.	12 months 0.6 to 1 FTE	Jan-22	Early or mid-career	Remote working is possible and expected to some degree. Travel to London valuable on occasion e.g. once every fortnight. Some
Home Office (HO)	HO Economic Crime	Crime	Developing the evidence base on economic crime .Focus on filling evidence gaps identified in the Economic Crime Plan including on: Offenders, criminal pathways and networks; links between different types of economic crime and other crimes	Behavioural Sciences, Psychology, Criminology, Sociology	Previous experience or knowledge of economic crime, or working in broader crime areas • Strong evaluation skills • Sound quantitative skills	12 months 0.6 to 1 FTE	Jan-22	Early or mid-career	Remote working is possible and expected to some degree. Travel to London valuable on occasion e.g. once every fortnight. Some
Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government	MHCLG Climate Change	Net Zero	Opportunity for a behavioural scientist to work on individual and community behaviours in relation to net zero. May investigate how COVID pandemic has affected people's behaviours, and what they are the implications of this for	Social science particularly behavioural science	Subject matter expertise relevant to MHCLG climate change policy - for example, expertise in relation to the housing sector or building retrofit, local economic growth, local government studies, or climate change adaptation / mitigation / decarbonisation more broadly	12 months (part-time) or 6 months (full time) 0.5 to 1 FTE	December 2021- February 2022	Early or mid-career	We particularly welcome applications from those who would be based in our second headquarters in
Ministry of Justice (MoJ)	MOJ Experimentation and Evaluation Fellowship	Evaluation	Utilising technical expertise and innovation in experimentation and evaluation methodology to support justice policy and practice.	Methodology; knowledge of theory-based approaches such as process evaluation, logic models, 'theory of change' (ToC),	A technical expert and innovator in the usage of experimentation and evaluation methodology, including: • Strong knowledge of experimental approaches, ranging from pre-experimental and quasiexperimental to randomised experimental	12 months 0.6 FTE	Jan-22	Early or mid-career	MoJ DASD are based in offices in Leeds and London but since March 2020 all analytical staff have been working
Ministry of Justice (MoJ)	MOJ Evidence Fellowship	Evaluation	Harnessing interdisciplinary expertise to push the boundaries in the use of evidence for justice policy and practice.	Methodology; knowledge of justice research and the justice evidence landscape; practical application of evidence	Strong interdisciplinary researcher to push the boundaries in the use of evidence for policy, including: • A breadth of expertise in the application of social science/research methods within and beyond the Fellow's own discipline	12 months 0.5 to 1 FTE	Jan-22	Early or mid-career	MoJ DASD are based in offices in Leeds and London but since March 2020 all analytical staff have been working
Scottish Government	SG Equality Data fellowship	Inequalities and levelling up	This role will lead on aspects of the Scottish Government's Equality Data Improvement Project, strengthening Scotland's equalities evidence base for better policy-making and outcomes	Data Science, Behavioural Science, Economics	Carrying out mixed methods research; applying statistical techniques to the analysis of quantitative and qualitative data. • strong project management and communication skills and ability to collaborate with colleagues across analytical professions on projects.	12 months 1 FTE	Jan-22	Early or mid-career	The fellow would be full time and based at Victoria Quay in Edinburgh, however there would be scope for
Scottish Government	SG Health Inequalities	Health & Social Care	Advocate and support evidence-based change to reduce health inequalities and improve women's health in Scotland.	Social Policy, Political Science, Behavioural Science, Sociology, Gender Studies	Broad awareness of the role of quantitative and qualitative social research methods and their application • Knowledge of social research and analytical methodologies and ability to demonstrate practical application of qualitative and/ or quantitative	9 - 12 months 0.5 to 1 FTE	December 2021 or January 2022	Early career	Flexible on location - potential for the role to be remote or partially based in a Scottish Government building if desired.
Scottish Government	SG Social Care	Health & Social Care	Research to underpin social care policy development and implementation for the National Care Service.	Social Policy, Political Science, Behavioural Science	Broad awareness of the role of quantitative and qualitative social research methods and their application • Knowledge of social research and analytical methodologies and ability to demonstrate practical application of qualitative and/or quantitative	9 - 12 months 0.5 to 1 FTE	December 2021 or January 2022	Early career	Flexible on location - potential for the role to be remote or partially based in a Scottish Government building if desired.
Welsh Government	WG Sustainable Futures	Covid Recovery	Policy development and strategic foresight associated with the drivers and trends affecting Wales achievement of the national well-being goals under the Well-being of Future Generations Act.	Future Studies	Track record of understanding emerging trends and developments that could have an impact on a policy or strategy area, how these might combine and what impact they may have. •Preparedness to connect with relevant research centres and the wider	12 months 1 FTE	Dec-21	Mid-career	Location neutral - remote working. Occasional travel to Cardiff
Welsh Government	WG Skills, Higher Education and Lifelong Learning (SHELL)	Covid Recovery	To review and analyse the evidence base for policy designed to limit the impact of Covid-19 controls and changed education methods on learner attainment and well-being.	Sociology, Psychology, Education	Track record of undertaking research in the sociology of education, educational psychology • a deep understanding of post-16 education settings and policy environment	12 months 1 FTE	Dec-21	Mid-career	Location neutral - remote working. Occasional travel to Cardiff
Welsh Government	WG Environment and Rural Affairs	Net Zero	Apply behaviour science to policy development and implementation and develop a bespoke research programme in climate change and food systems.	Behavioural Science	Track record of devising and undertaking behavioural science research projects. • deep understanding of behavioural science concepts and principles to enable translation of behaviour science into a modelling system.	12 months 1 FTE	Dec-21	Early career	Location neutral - remote working. Occasional travel to Cardiff