

**The Service**

RinR is a free school placement scheme available to all UK secondary schools [covering 11-19 year olds]. It is funded by Research Councils UK with support from the Wellcome Trust and covers all STEM subjects, social sciences and the arts and humanities.

PhD and post-doctoral researchers offer up to 24 hours student contact time to support teachers to enrich the curriculum with an innovative placement project. Contact time can be spread across several visits or intensively over one week, to suit both teacher and researcher. The overall aim of the scheme is to raise awareness of the research being carried out in the UK, enthuse young people about going to university, and expand their career opportunities.

Researchers bring a range of projects and ideas based on their subject knowledge to the classroom and work with a teacher to engage and inspire students. Researchers receive communication training which covers classroom etiquette and the dos and don'ts in the classroom.

Placements include classroom discussions, after-school club projects, projects for the talented and gifted, assembly or lunchtime talks, careers advice, or they can cover PHSE. Often schools use researchers to cover a particular theme, such as climate change, or to support several subject teachers.

Once matched to a school, researchers are fully vetted and undergo CRB checks before placements start.

Over 300 placements were organised in 2008/09 and researchers were overwhelmingly positive, with many applying for a second placement.

**Benefits of RinR for researchers:**

- Development of transferable skills (e.g. public speaking, presentations, project management) to supplement academic expertise
- Meeting public engagement and outreach requirements
- Communication training
- Improved CV and employment prospects
- Recognition with RCUK certification
- Satisfaction of working with young people
- Showcasing individual and wider university research
- First-hand insight into what it is like to teach.

**Applications**

Interested researchers need to complete an online application form via [www.researchersinresidence.ac.uk](http://www.researchersinresidence.ac.uk) or for more information call 0845 365 7470.

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