

Partner With Us - Host a Work-Based Learning Student

University of Aberdeen - Institute of Applied Health Sciences (IAHS)

Why Become a Host Organisation?

Work-Based Learning (WBL) placements connect master's students in Applied Health Sciences with organisations across the health, charity, policy and third sectors.

Hosting a student is more than offering experience — it is a genuine partnership that creates value for your organisation while supporting the development of future health professionals.

Benefits to Your Organisation

- **Increase Capacity** - Students work on meaningful projects that often fill gaps in time or resource.
- **Fresh Insight** - They bring current academic knowledge and new ideas to real-world challenges.
- **Strengthen Evidence & Impact** - Many hosts gain reports, tools or frameworks that support funding, strategy or evaluation.
- **Develop Future Talent** - Connect with skilled graduates entering public health, research, policy and community health sectors.
- **Flexible Placement Models** - In-person, remote or hybrid arrangements available.

What can an IAHS Student Contribute?

- ✓ Project support aligned to your organisational goals
- ✓ Research, evaluation and evidence reviews
- ✓ Policy briefings and impact reporting
- ✓ Service development or improvement work
- ✓ Communications and stakeholder engagement
- ✓ Data analysis and synthesis

Students bring analytical skills, critical thinking, professionalism and fresh perspectives.

What Students gain (and why it matters)

Through placements, students:

- Apply academic knowledge in real settings
- Develop professional communication and project management skills
- Build confidence and career clarity
- Contribute meaningfully to organisational practice

The result? Motivated, capable students who are committed to delivering real value during their placement.

How It Works?

1. We work with you to shape a meaningful project.
2. Students are matched through a structured process.
3. Clear expectations and learning goals are agreed collaboratively.
4. The IAHS WBL team provides ongoing academic oversight and support.

You are not doing this alone — we partner with you throughout.

Interested in Becoming a Host?

Join our growing network of organisations shaping the next generation of applied health professionals.

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