



Tender for a study of race and sociology teaching provision in UK universities

The British Sociological Association is tendering for proposals to look at sociology departments, subject areas and groupings, to generate data, and to offer an analysis of what undergraduate race and ethnicity-focused teaching is presently available in UK Universities.

We are seeking a study of:

1. The presence of race and ethnicity within curricula of Sociology courses or those courses with Sociology named in the title. This could include:
 - a. modules that explicitly focus on race and ethnicity
 - b. modules that have specific content examining race and ethnicity, and the extent to which race and ethnicity are woven into general modules e.g. on social theory
 - c. distinctions in availability between compulsory and optional modules
 - d. the way in which modules from other disciplines are used to examine race and ethnicity

2. The BME profile of staffing within Sociology, including representation at more senior levels

The tender should include a brief on how the proposers seek to undertake it, within the resources available. The proposal should include an ethical statement detailing how anonymity will be ensured and informed consent achieved for any empirical material gathered beyond what is publicly available on websites, etc.

Successful candidate(s) will work closely with the Equality and Diversity Sub-Committee. The maximum budget for this piece of work is £15,000. It is expected that work on the audit will be completed by 31 December 2019. The final report and data will be owned by the BSA; however suitable academic uses of the data will be discussed with the successful candidate(s) in recognition of the work involved.

Informal enquires can be to Margaret Luke – Margaret.luke@britsoc.org.uk

The closing date for the applications is Wednesday 8 May 2019, 17:00 BST.

To apply, please submit (i) a statement outlining timescales, methods and how any potential challenges will be addressed as well as (ii) CVs of those involved. These should be sent by email to: Margaret.luke@britsoc.org.uk The documentation should be no longer than 10 pages long.

Founded in 1951, the BSA is a national charity and a company limited by guarantee. It has a turnover of £1.2 million, a membership of over 2,600, 16 trustees and 13 permanent staff. The Association's primary charitable aim is to promote sociology. Responding to calls from members, in 2017 the British Sociological Association (BSA) created a new Equality and Diversity Sub-Committee. While spanning all the protected characteristics, the BSA is committed to an immediate focus on race and ethnicity. This has led to an in-house process of data collection, including an audit of BSA membership, BSA Trustees, and BSA conference plenary talks. The tender for a study of race and sociology teaching provision in UK universities broadens the Association's focus on race and ethnicity.

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