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**CONTRACT FOR 'RESEARCH WITH GRADUATES OF LOW RETURNS SUBJECTS'  
PROJECT REFERENCE NO: DFERPPU/2018/060**

Please find attached a Variation of Agreement for this Research Contract.

I would be grateful if you could sign and date a copy for and on behalf of your organisation and return them to me by Monday 24 June 2019 to me at the email address above

One copy of the Variation will be returned to your organisation once it has been signed for and on behalf of the Department.

Yours sincerely

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Higher Education Social Research Team

**VARIATION TO THE CONTRACT WITH:** University of Warwick

**CONTRACT NUMBER:** DFERPPU/2018/060

**CONTRACT DATE:** 4/12/18

**VARIATION NUMBER:** 2

**REASON**

Inclusion of some additional analyses  
Further time required to finalise the report

**SCHEDULE ONE**

Additional specific research questions and analysis to be undertaken and included in the report.

**Research questions and analysis:**

1) Does having a degree in a LFR subject improve chances of having a graduate job relative to not having a degree?

Logistic regression of graduate jobs using non-grads with 2-3 A'levels as the reference group.

2) LM context: What sorts of jobs are there in different industries (grad/non-grad) and what level of qualifications do workers in different industries have?

Cross tabulations of Qual level (<L2, L3, L4-5, L6, L7+) by grad/non-grad jobs (ca. 21 tables).

3) Subject stories: From the available data, what can we say about the story of graduates from different LFR subjects?

Create 1-2 page subject profiles for each LFR subject for appendices, comprising: Profile, subject choices, motivations, employment status, grad jobs, common industries.

4) To what extent can the differences in findings between the IFS and IER research be explained by differences in methodology?

Transparent discussion in commentary of reasons for differences (IFS vs IER), including table summarising differences in timing, cohort, context, etc, of different datasets and highlighting main findings.

Task	Output	Date Required
A review of the Literature	A completed Literature review	11 February 2019
Secondary analysis of Futuretrack data	A completed Futuretrack Analysis	11 February 2019
Secondary analysis of Labour Force Survey/Annual Population Survey (LFS/APS) data	A completed LFS/APS analysis	11 February 2019
Secondary analysis of Destinations of Leavers from Higher Education (DLHE/LDLHE) data	A completed DLHE/LDLHE analysis	11 February 2019
Qualitative research with graduates from low-return subjects incorporating online focus groups and semi-structured telephone interviews	A completed qualitative analysis	11 February 2019

Task	Output	Date Required
Interim Report	An interim report to be circulated to DfE stakeholders, including the literature review and interim key findings from all other analysis	3 December 2018
First draft final report	A completed first draft of the final report	20 March 2019
Second draft of report	Report to include all revisions from the first report draft	13 June 2019
Presentation at DfE	Presentation based primarily on draft report with forward look and indications from additional analysis	6 June 2019
Additional analysis complete		15 June 2019
Third draft of report	Revised from feedback from second draft and presentation and including all new analysis	15 July 2019
Report finalised	Finalised in line with DfE feedback and to meet DfE publication requirements.	6 September 2019
Contract End Date		27 September 2019

## **SCHEDULE TWO**

Project Milestone	Payment Amount	Payment Date
Interim report completed including completed Literature review, Futretrack Analysis, LFS/APS Analysis, DLHE/LDLHE Analysis	██████████	30 November 2018
Completed qualitative analysis and firstdraft of final report	██████████	28 February 2019
Completed second draft of the report and delivery of presentation	██████████	6 June 2019
Completion of additional analysis and Report finalised	██████████	27 September 2019

We agree that all other terms and conditions of the Contract remain unaltered and that no other liabilities, financial or otherwise, shall accrue to the Department because of the above amendment. We confirm acceptance of the Variation of the terms specified above.

As witness the hands of the parties

**Authorised to sign for and on behalf of  
the Secretary of State for Education**

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