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| LRALogo  **Project Brief 2018** |
| **Research Project Title:**  **“Out of Sight, Out of Mind” Education Law - tackling the “cancer” of School Exclusions** |
| **One sentence summary/explanation of the project:**  Research will also be conducted into a child’s “right to an education” and in particular how increasing school exclusions thwarts this legal right. This project will focus in particular on the exclusion of children in order to protect schools’ performance results and where a school is struggling to meet the needs/challenges of pupils with special educational needs or disabilities. |
| **Project Ref No: LRA201803** |
| **Project Supervisor:** Please include contact details.  Dr Amel Alghrani. [a.alghrani@liverpool.ac.uk](mailto:a.alghrani@liverpool.ac.uk). 0151 794 2677. |
| **Description of student’s activities and outcomes:**  Please detail exactly what the student will be doing during their apprenticeship, max 150 words.  The apprentice will assist me undertaking doctrinal analysis and utilising electronic legal databases to research and analyse information on legal cases challenging school exclusions / provision. The apprentice will also collate statistics in the public domain from OFSTED and other sources on school exclusions. The apprentice will obtain guidance on how to write a literature review on what academic research there is on the topic.  The student will use this information to publish a short piece on his/her findings in the University of Liverpool Law Review (UOLLR). This is an excellent opportunity for the apprentice to enhance their CV, showcase their writing abilities and utilize and share the research they have gathered during the apprenticeship. More on the journal can be found here: <https://www.uol-lawreview.org/> |
| **Student skills and knowledge required:**  Please detail the skills, knowledge and other attributes required, which the student will demonstrate in their application form.   * An excellent academic record to date (averaging 1st / 2:1). * Ability to conduct effective legal research. * Excellent writing skills. * Critical thinking – being able to evaluate their work and that of others, making judgments about the value of information and drawing conclusions from the research. * Independence and initiative – having the confidence to make decisions and act on them, not waiting for approval to do basic tasks, but reporting back responsibly at appropriate times. |
| **Start date and work pattern:**  Please state the **start date** for the apprenticeship and **how** and **where** the student will complete the activity, i.e. as 2 consecutive weeks or a few hours/days a week? As a guideline this will entail a maximum of 70 hours’ activity.  This project can commence on either the 2nd or 9th July and will run for two consecutive weeks.  The student can share an office with myself for the period. |
| **Applications should be submitted to:** [email of supervisor or nominee]  **Amel Alghrani – a.alghrani@liverpool.ac.uk** |
| **Closing date for applications:** 15 June 2018 |
| **Interview date:** 21st or 22nd June 2018 |