

ARIES Independent Research Impact Advisors

All ARIES postgraduate researchers (PGRs – researchers studying towards a PhD degree) are assigned an “Independent Research Impact Advisor” from the outset of their studies. Advisors need not be researchers; they could come from policy units, legal teams, or from human resources. They are tasked with discussing the impact of the PGR student’s research, reflecting on their career aspirations and professional development needs, and acting as a valuable sounding board, independent of the PGRs Supervisors.

Advisors will commit to meet their advisee(s) once per year, either in person or remotely (e.g. by Skype). Further meetings, if wished, may take place with the student and/or their research group by mutual consent.

Such privileged access can bring potential benefits to Advisors and their employers:

- Opportunities for collaborations on research or training;
- Opportunities to recruit skilled interns and/or employees;
- Other benefits as outlined in our [Working with ARIES brochure](#)

If you would like to become an Independent Advisor, then please let myself or the ARIES Office know. We would be happy to discuss this with you further.

Prof Bill Sturges

ARIES DTP Director