



Cabinet Office Self Led Work Experience Research Project





Research in the Civil Service

Being asked to complete a research project is something that you would typically do when completing a more traditional work experience placement in an organisation's building or office, or indeed while you are at work.

There are certain roles in the Civil Service which are specifically dedicated to conducting research.

Civil Servants who work in the **Analysis Profession** carry out research on a wide range of topics, in order to inform policy making and help the government make better decisions.

Examples of research that Civil Servant analysts have recently been involved in include the COVID-19 infection survey and the 2021 Census.

However, lots of Civil Servants in a wide range of roles are required to carry out research regularly.



Your Research task



In this scenario, you are a Junior Researcher working in the Department for Transport (DfT). Your manager has asked you to create a presentation about whether self-driving cars should become legal in the UK or not.

To complete this task, you will need to carry out research online and create a new presentation which answers the questions on the following slide.



Questions



Department
for Transport



Department for
Business, Energy
& Industrial Strategy

Whilst answering the following questions, try to use Government websites to inform your answers, we have provided two suggestions above.

1. What are self-driving cars?
2. What are the benefits of implementing self-driving cars in the UK?
3. What are the risks of implementing self-driving cars in the UK?
4. In your opinion, do you think they should become legal in the UK and why?



After completion

By completing this project, you have developed skills which are necessary no matter which career path you choose to follow in future, but they are also vital skills for a successful career in the Civil Service. These include making effective decisions, communicating and influencing and seeing the bigger picture.

Once you have created your presentation, please email it to us at: schoolsoutreach.diversity@cabinetoffice.gov.uk . We will then provide some feedback to you. Please get in touch if you have any questions.

We would be very grateful if you could complete the Smart Survey evaluation after completing your project so that we can continuously review our programme: <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/D7N74S/>