

## **HSMA 3 Virtual Open Day Itinerary**

**Meeting hosted via :** Zoom

**Date :** 01/09/20

### **Aims**

This open day is primarily targeted at applicants (or prospective applicants) to the HSMA Programme. Those who are interested in potentially supporting their staff to make applications to the programme are also welcome.

The aims of the virtual open day are to :

1. provide prospective HSMA applicants with more information about the HSMA programme to help inform their decision as to whether or not to apply, and their application.
2. provide an opportunity for applicants to speak directly to programme organisers and modelling experts to ask advice about their applications
3. provide an opportunity for applicants to speak to HSMA alumni to find out about their personal experiences on the programme
4. provide the PenCHORD team with an opportunity to speak informally with applicants to find out more about their background, skills and experience

### **Itinerary**

- 1000 – 1040 The HSMA Programme (*Dr Daniel Chalk*)  
In this session, we will provide an overview of the history, aims and objectives of the HSMA programme, along with a detailed description of the structure of the programme, and what we are looking for from applicants.
- 1040 – 1100 Personal experiences from the HSMA Programme (*HSMA Alumni*)  
A number of HSMA alumni will talk about their experiences on the programme, the impact the programme had on their organisation, and how they've used the skills they developed moving forward.
- 1100 – 1150 Breakout Sessions (*facilitated by PenCHORD Team Members*)  
Attendees will be split into a number of small (3-5 person) groups, each led by a member of the PenCHORD team. Applicants will be asked to introduce themselves, talk a little about their role, why they're applying for the programme, and any relevant skills and experience they have. They'll also have an opportunity to talk about any potential ideas they have at this early stage for where modelling and Data Science could help in their organisation, to get a sense of potential project ideas for the programme. Applicants are also encouraged to use this time to ask questions of the facilitator to help them better understand what we are looking for in applications, and to ask for advice directly related to their application.
- 1150 – 1200 General Q & A and Closing Comments (*Dr Daniel Chalk*)  
Before the open day closes, applicants will have an opportunity to ask any general questions, and next steps for applicants will be discussed.