

### **Disciplinary Steer and ESRC Priorities**

- In recognition of the expertise in quantitative training within the Goldsmiths/Queen Mary Doctoral Training Centre, the ESRC has provided a disciplinary steer, requiring that four of the studentships each year should be awarded in areas of research that utilise advanced quantitative methods. Students recruited as part of this requirement will receive the Advanced Quantitative Methods (AQM) increased stipend of £3,000, taking their total maintenance stipend to £18,590.
- The ESRC has also emphasised the importance of encouraging potential students to develop collaborations with government, business and third sector organisations. The expectation is that 20% of the Goldsmiths/Queen Mary allocation (two awards per year) should involve some form of collaboration with other public, private or third sector organisations.
- Goldsmiths and Queen Mary therefore particularly welcome research proposals utilising sophisticated quantitative methodologies and analysis, as well as proposals that involve a collaboration with non-academic partners