



# Houses of Parliament Scheme

## More about Houses of Parliament scheme

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Parliament is a unique place to work - it has a fantastic, collegiate atmosphere and a strong sense of being at the heart of politics. Careers here offer huge variety and usually involve supporting the functions of our Parliamentary democracy.

There can be policy-focused work, and work to develop the processes and procedures that are integral to administering the business of Parliament in the Chamber and Committees.

## The role

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You will spend the majority of the programme as a Clerk and your core role will be to support MPs in their parliamentary duties. To start with, this will involve managing committee inquiries, accompanying committees on visits, helping to manage the workload and agenda, responding to queries from MPs and members of the public, and advising MPs on the customs, practices and 'rules' of Parliament.

## Business areas

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Placements are an important part of our Fast Stream. You could spend a year with the **Outreach Service** helping to improve public engagement and understanding of Parliament, or with the **Restoration and Renewal Programme Team** to plan for the refurbishment and renovation of Parliament's buildings. Perhaps you could join the **House of Commons Library** for the period, and provide first-class research services and briefings to MPs.

## The future

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The incredible variety involved in the role of House of Commons Clerk means that you will have unique exposure to ministers, MPs and senior staff. It's the ideal grounding for promotion once you've successfully completed the scheme.