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Dear Sir/Madam,

Partnering with the Cabinet Office's Open Innovation Team

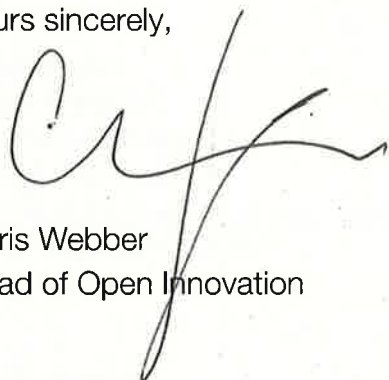
As you may be aware, the Cabinet Office has spent the past two years piloting a new approach to deepening collaboration between academics and officials. With the support of Research Councils UK and in partnership with the universities of Bath, Lancaster, Southampton and Warwick, we have set up an Open Innovation Team dedicated to helping Whitehall departments generate analysis and ideas by collaborating more frequently and intensively with our world leading academic community.

We believe that the Open Innovation Team's pilot phase has underlined the benefits of deeper collaboration between academics and officials, and the rationale for having a Whitehall team dedicated to enabling this. We also feel that it has demonstrated the workability of our sponsorship model, which sees our university partners cover core costs for the team while receiving a range of benefits designed to deepen collaboration with their academics and educate their students about the policy making process.

With the Open Innovation Team's pilot phase due to end in December 2018, we have decided to invite universities to partner with us for a second phase of activity running from January 2019 to December 2021. We are contacting you now to flag this opportunity and share relevant documents, including a pilot phase review slide pack, application form and bid guidance.

If you are interested in partnering with the Open Innovation Team or would simply like to hear more about our plans, **you are invited to attend a meeting from 1:00pm - 3:00pm on 7 September 2018 at 1 Horse Guards Road, London, SW1A 2HQ.** Please RSVP to openinnovation@cabinetoffice.gov.uk. Due to space limitations, we can only make one place available per institution.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'C. Webber', written in a cursive style. The signature is positioned above the printed name and title.

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