

University of Manchester Q-Step Summer Project 2018:

Ref: #12 GMCA Supporting Greater Manchester Combined Authority

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Organisation name: Greater Manchester Combined Authority

Team/Department: Research and Strategy Team

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Provisional title for project: Research and Analysis to support the work of Greater Manchester Combined Authority

Abstract:

The student will work with the Research & Strategy team at GMCA and provide support on a number of projects, as well as helping to respond to ad hoc data requests from colleagues.

Projects are likely to include:

- GM Economic Briefing: Analysing key economic and business datasets and positioning Greater Manchester's economy within the wider Northern Powerhouse
- Productivity and inclusive growth: Analytical support to develop GM's understanding of the productivity puzzle and approach to achieving inclusive growth for all GM residents.
- Public Service Reform: Supporting Greater Manchester with the task of reforming public services, and in particular in helping to establish a devolved, integrated system of health and social care, by providing economic research and analysis
- Update and expansion of the GM Migration Data Project: Analysing data to understand the patterns of movement of GM citizens and the demographics of migrants in and out of the conurbation. This would support the development of the Greater Manchester Spatial Framework and the creation of a GM Housing data pack

Each of the projects will involve analysing data at national, regional and sub-regional levels, and it may also involve some qualitative analysis where applicable.

Key words: Labour market, economics, statistics, quantitative analysis, devolution, public service reform, inclusive growth.

Essential and desirable skills:

Essential: Positive attitude, strong work ethic, and ability and willingness to learn quickly; data analysis skills and experience with quantitative data; knowledge of Microsoft Office, especially Excel, Outlook and Word; excellent spoken and written English

Desirable: Some knowledge of labour market, economic and skills issues; Knowledge/experience of using SPSS; Experience of undertaking presentations.

Where the work will be carried out: This role will be based at GMCA's offices in central Manchester. The office hours are 9am-5pm, but some flexibility may be negotiable. The role will last for eight weeks.

Preferred selection method: Interview

Support and training offered by the organisation:

The student will have a supervisor/mentor within the Research & Strategy team who will be on hand day-to-day to provide support and guidance throughout the internship period. Other members of the team will also be available to offer regular support.

The supervisor/mentor will hold an evaluation meeting with the student at the end of the placement and provide support, feedback and references, as appropriate.

Supporting information:

The outputs from the student's work are likely to be published, and there is the possibility of doing internal presentations on the findings to colleagues in the Research & Strategy team at GMCA.

Financial assistance offered by the organisation: None