

University of Manchester Q-Step Summer Project 2019

Ref #32: UoMQStep 2019 BBC North West – Data Based News Stories

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Organisation Name: BBC North West

Team/Department: BBC Inside Out

Address: Quay House, Media City UK

Provisional title for project: Data and News & Current Affairs

The successful candidate will work with the news and current affairs teams at BBC North West Inside Out to interrogate data in a way which reveals stories that are newsworthy and appropriate for a broad TV audience on BBC1. The intern will analyse publically-available datasets and data gleaned from Freedom of Information requests to highlight potential stories which are topical, newsworthy and in the public interest. The stories should be relevant to a North West regional audience. The ideal candidate will also have ideas for subjects worth investigating. The final decision on subjects will be made by the BBC North West team on editorial merit.

Key words (up to 12): Data analysis, newsworthy, topical, public interest

Essential and desirable skills that the student would need to have:

Essential: Self-motivated, good communication skills, demonstrable skills in data analysis.

Desirable: Good knowledge of news landscape, knowledge of statistical software package

Where the work would be carried out: BBC, Media City UK

Preferred selection method (interview or other method): Interview

Interview preference (on campus, remote, in your office): Campus

Support and training offered by the organisation: Mentor, safety training, legal training, introduction to news roles

Any issues of data confidentiality and/or IPR that would need to be resolved:

We ask that a confidentiality agreement be signed by the successful candidates

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