

Q-STEP SUMMER INTERNSHIPS 2020

Ref #10: UoMStep 2020 International Longevity Centre UK - The Global Longevity Dividend

Organisation Profile

International Longevity Centre - UK (ILC)

Research and Policy

Vintage House, 36-37 Albert Embankment,
London, SE1 7RL (From 1st May 2020)

Selection Method

Written CV & cover letter followed by an interview with a presentation with ILC UK team via Skype. Please note that ILC UK set a written test to be completed during the hour before the interview. Candidates would receive the instructions for the test at the start of the hour.

Project Outline

The ILC are seeking to publish a report exploring the formal and informal economic contributions of older adults across a number of countries globally. This piece aims to challenge the narrative that an ageing population is only a burden to the economy and focus policy makers' on the opportunities that are created by demographic change. The report will highlight the significant economic contributions of older adults, how these are growing, and the opportunity for these to increase if societal barriers to economic participation are overcome, particularly related to health, and in so doing, help to pay for rising fiscal costs.

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This research will use data from Eurostat, the OCED, among other sources, to estimate the prevalence of the following economic activities at older ages across a number of countries and over a number of years:

- Employment
- Earned income
- Consumption
- Volunteering and/or caring

This research will also consider why these economic contributions are greater in certain countries relative to others, by exploring relevant country specific policies and interventions (such as interventions to tackle age discrimination, support older workers, and support people to age healthily). We will also consider whether measures of health (at older ages) and investment in health are related to some of these economic contributions - where the data is available, to assess the importance of good health in maximising these contributions.

The report will be launched in Washington - with the aim of showcasing the key findings to policy makers from a number of countries. We are able to offer a motivated intern the opportunity to support this research - particularly with the later stages.

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Key Words

Ageing Population Economy
Maximising the contributions of older adults
Data Analysis Public Policy

Application Criteria

Essential:

- Experience with quantitative data, including ability to gather data from a number of sources online, analyse and manipulate data
- Proficient with Microsoft office and ideally Excel
- Experience of undertaking a literature review
- Positive attitude, keen to work in a small but dynamic team and willingness to learn quickly
- Excellent oral and written skills

Desirable:

- Knowledge of multivariate analysis
- Working knowledge of statistical package STATA or equivalent

Supporting Information

ILC encourages continued development of all staff, permanent and temporary. Staff are encouraged to attend events and meetings which may benefit their work. Interns are supported, not only by their line manager, but by the Head of Operations and Head of Research to ensure they get the most out of their internship with ILC

The intern would be bound by the confidentiality clause, solicitation clause and intellectual property clause in the ILC's standard terms and conditions of employment contract.

The outputs from the analysis will likely to be published (with full acknowledgements to the role of the student) and there is the possibility of doing internal presentations on the findings to colleagues at ILC (and potentially external stakeholders).

Interested applicants are encouraged to review the ILC website to get a feel for the work they do, and the key areas in which they focus - www.ilcuk.org.uk

No financial assistance is offered by the host organisation.