

# Q-STEP SUMMER INTERNSHIPS 2021

## IPPR North - State of the North 2021

### Organisation and Team

Institute for Public Policy Research: IPPR North

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### Selection Method

Written CV & cover letter followed by an interview

### Application Criteria

#### Essential:

- Ability to work independently and professionally with minimal supervision
- Ability to use Microsoft Office (Excel, Word, and Outlook)
- Ability to locate relevant published datasets
- Ability to understand and interpret data

#### Desirable:

- Familiarity with the north of England, Northern Powerhouse/Levelling up agendas, devolution and local government
- Ability to produce charts and tables
- Ability to use statistical software
- An understanding of the role of think tanks in public policymaking

### Project Outline

IPPR North annually publishes the State of the North report which provides an in-depth overview of the year that was for the north of England (North West, North East, and Yorkshire & the Humber). Each year's report looks at a theme in particular. Previous themes have included: the future of devolution, economic resilience, the millennial powerhouse, and last year's set out a progressive vision for levelling up the North in the context of Covid-19. This year, the theme for examination is being developed, but is likely to focus on an economic theme. The report will examine key publicly available data to provide a dashboard of metrics to tell the story of the year, provide insight on the impact of the pandemic, and point towards the foundations of the North's economic recovery and future.

### Key Words

North, Devolution, Economy, Inequality, Inclusion, Decentralisation, Progressive, 'Levelling up', Spatial inequality

### Support and training

We would provide a dedicated member of staff to support the intern at IPPR North, to oversee their work and progress. In addition, IPPR North provides:

- An induction process
- Chance to shadow other members of staff
- 1-to-1s with all team members to learn about their specific areas of work
- Attendance at IPPR North and IPPR internal meetings to learn about the work of a think tank

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### Practical Considerations

IPPR North staff are currently working virtually from home. We are exploring a return to an office which would be located in central Manchester. However, we cannot guarantee that this will be in place during the internship.

8 week internship