

Q-STEP SUMMER INTERNSHIPS 2021

Home Office - How much does organised environmental crime cost the UK?

Organisation and Team

Home Office: Serious Organised Crime
Research and Analysis

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Selection Method

Written CV & cover letter followed by an
interview

Project Outline

Environmental crime is defined by the European Commission as "acts that breach environmental legislation and cause significant harm or risk to the environment and human health". Since these crimes are particularly lucrative but tend to have less sanctions, environmental crimes are highly attractive to organised criminals. However, our understanding of the costs of this harm remain incomplete. In 2015/16, the Home Office estimated that organised environmental crime cost the UK £350million.

This project will involve an in-depth exploration of data and evidence to better understand the costs of organised environmental crime. This will require an individual who is comfortable working with and manipulating data to inform assumptions, so data analysis and critical thinking skills are crucial. Quickly grasping strengths and weaknesses of existing models will improve the outcomes of the project. The role will be closely supported by colleagues working on organised crime and will also involve wider engagement with Home Office analysts to inform crime costing publications.

Application Criteria

Essential:

- Attention to detail
- Problem solving skills
- Quantitative skills
- Communication skills
- Critical thinking

Desirable:

- Report writing
- Data manipulation
- Microsoft Excel skills

Key Words

Organised crime, environmental, costs, data
analysis, economics

Practical Considerations

Remote working

8 week internship

Support and Training

Closely supported by Economists and analysts
working on related crime costings work.