

# Data Fellowship Project 2022

## Northern Powerhouse Partnership - Foreign Investment in the North of England

### Organisation and Team

NPP is a small team of 6 working across sites in Leeds, Manchester and Newcastle.

Our board is made up of representatives of large businesses across the North of England.

We actively lobby on issues of economic rebalancing and narrowing the north-south divide. This includes producing research reports on relevant issues.

### Application Criteria

#### Essential:

- Data collection and manipulation skills
- Knowledge of data sources
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills

#### Desirable:

- Understanding of Northern Powerhouse/Levelling Up agenda
- Knowledge of FDI

### Project Outline

NPP wish to produce a report on inward foreign direct investment (FDI) to the UK and specifically the north of England.

The report will ideally produce a time series of the volume and value of investments broken down by locality. This will enable us to look at which areas attract the most investment and potentially which sectors of the economy.

This will require using data sources from organisations such as the ONS as well as data from public sector bodies such as LEPs and private organisations that produce reports on FDI.

Ideally the final report will provide some blueprint of what makes those attracting the most investment so successful and examples of best practice to share with others.

The final report will be published with a number of stakeholders including senior political figures.

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## Practical Considerations

Our teams are still working remotely and though this could change by the time of the project, any applicants should be comfortable working with minimal supervision and using their own initiative.

There may also be a requirement to visit any of our sites as well as visits to stakeholders. All expenses will be covered but a willingness to travel is beneficial.

## Supporting Information

## Support and Training

The successful applicant will be managed by NPP's Chief Economist. He can provide guidance on data sources as well as make introductions to other organisations that may be able to provide further assistance.

Additionally, the Chief Economist can provide additional guidance on presenting the findings of the report in a style suitable for a business and policy audience.

Given the short timescale of the project there is no scope for any formal training.

There will be opportunities to get involved in other aspects of NPP's work if time allows and if the successful applicant is interested in broadening their experience.