

# Data Fellowship Project 2022

## The Times - Data-led investigations

### Organisation and Team

The Times and The Sunday Times  
Data and Digital Graphics Team  
1 London Bridge Street, SE1 9GF

### Selection Method

A written CV and cover letter followed by a remote interview with The Times and The Sunday Times team

### Application Criteria

#### Essential

- Ability to conduct statistical analysis using spreadsheets
- Enjoy collaborating with others and working in groups
- An interest in journalism and digital storytelling

#### Desirable

- Knowledge of working with data using programming languages (ideally R)
- The ability to clearly and articulately express ideas
- Works well under pressure and to deadlines

### Project Outline

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Tell us: what problem in the UK needs our attention?

The Times and The Sunday Times data team has a history of producing agenda-setting investigations into a range of topics, from river pollution to hereditary peers to cycling safety.

We are looking for a self-starting intern to join us to work on their own data-led investigation into an issue of public interest. A successful applicant will research and pitch the project, work with the team to analyse the underlying data, contribute to the reporting, and help us work out how to visualise the story.

*Given the nature of the news cycle, the successful applicant will also be required to work on a range of projects in addition to the investigation pitched.*



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## Practical Considerations

This internship will be hybrid, but predominantly take place in person.

## Supporting Information

As a digital team we have a great track record of taking undergraduate students for placements and ensuring they learn how a major news organisation works.

We aim to ensure they work on interesting and engaging projects and finish their placement with a better understanding of journalism and digital storytelling. The chance to welcome a Q-Step intern with statistical skills to the team for two months is an opportunity to extend this experience and really embed a student in the newsroom.

## Support and Training

- An introduction to journalism at one of the world's leading news organisations
- An understanding of how to craft a newsroom project
- Training in writing and article construction to the highest standards
- Exposure to our journalistic processes: how to take large quantities of data and make it understandable and interesting to a wider audience
- The development of their programming skills through the application of them to real world events and stories