



Data Fellowship Project 2023

The Times and Sunday Times – Data-Led Investigations

Organisation and Team

The Time and Sunday Times – Data and Digital Graphic Team

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 other 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

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 held at The Times office in London, 1 London Bridge Street, SE1 9GF, and the successful applicant will be expected to work from the office.

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

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.