



Data Fellowship Project 2023

Office for National Statistics – UK Sustainable Development Goals Data

Organisation and Team

ONS – Sustainable Development Goals

Selection Method

CV and Cover Letter, followed by interview for successful candidates

Application Criteria

Essential:

- Good MS Excel Skills
- Good R Skills
- Strong Communication Skills
- An Understanding of indicators or measurement frameworks
- An ability to pick up concepts quickly and think strategically

Desirable:

- An understanding of the Sustainable Development Goals and/or the key issues faced by the UK
- Familiarity with additional statistical software package such as SAS, STATA or SPSS
- Familiarity with concepts related to household income

Project Outline

You will be involved in the sourcing and analysing of data that will enable the UK to understand our progress to the Goals.

The UK data team sources and reports UK data for each of the 244 indicators that underpin the 17 SDGs. The UK is one of the world leaders in respect of the amount of SDG data already sourced – with at least headline data reported for 87% of all indicators. The challenge is to identify sources and innovative solutions for the remaining 13% of indicators, and to enable all indicators to be disaggregated to understand which groups in the UK are being left behind. For a number of indicators UK official statistics do not exist or may not conform to the UN requirements. The exploration of new sources and innovative solutions to these problems involves collaborative relationships both within and outside of ONS and potentially internationally.

The aim of this project is to perform a piece of analysis involving some key ONS data sets, in order to publish up to date and accurate statistics for indicators related to household income and expenditure. This data is important towards our journey of producing inclusive data, and understanding who may be left behind.



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Practical Considerations

This internship will be carried out remotely so will require access to a computer and internet connection

Support and Training

This is an exciting opportunity to work on a high-profile global project led by the United Nations.

The project offers opportunities to work with colleagues both across Whitehall and internationally. Our work attracts Parliamentary interest across a wide and diverse range of topics,

The intern will work within a team of ONS analysts and would be managed and supported by the team. Training and opportunities to increase skills and capability available.

Supporting Information

In 2015, the world signed up to take action to end poverty, protect the planet and ensure that all people enjoy peace and prosperity by 2030 – through the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

ONS is responsible for sourcing and reporting UK data for the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The UK data not only feeds into the global progress towards the Goals, but through the disaggregation of the data identifies the groups in UK society that are being left behind. We work across government to ensure that the data reported for the UK meets the UN requirements and is the most appropriate to tell the UK story.