



Data Fellowship Project 2025

IPPR North - State of the North 2026

Organisation and Team

IPPR North

Application Criteria

Essential:

- Ability to work to deadlines and prioritise tasks when working as part of a team and independently
- Ability to locate relevant published datasets
- Ability to understand and interpret statistical data
- Ability to produce charts and tables
- Strong writing ability, including writing for particular audiences
- Creativity, problem solving, and critical challenge with respect to research and ideas
- Working knowledge of Microsoft Office

Desirable:

- Experience with policy, media, comms, or politics either through work or volunteering
- Familiarity with the devolution and regional rebalancing agendas (such as levelling up or the Northern Powerhouse)
- Ability to produce maps

Project Outline

the leading think tank for the North and England's regions, publishes an annual flagship report called the State of the North. It is our most high-profile report and plays an important agenda setting role for regional development and the North, from influencing levelling up to the need an Industrial Strategy that is both green and place-focussed.

Every year, we work with our Q-Step intern to develop the theme for the year, and then plan and undertake the research—which involves data analysis and can include public opinion work. Themes have included the political power of Gen Z across England's regions, comparing regional inequality in the UK to comparable countries, redefining levelling up, and building regional economic resilience in a time of global uncertainty.



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Practical Considerations

Hybrid – 2 days in our central Manchester office and 3 days working from home, but we are flexible and will work with applicants on making this arrangement work for them.

Selection Method

Interviews will be held online
(Microsoft Teams)

Supporting Information

Our Q-Step intern provides key research support and is involved throughout the research and advocacy process that we undertake, including public-facing outputs like pitching blogs/opeds about the topic.

Support and Training

- Full induction process
- Shadowing members of staff, including at media opportunities, speeches, political events, and strategy/engagement work
- Learning about the role of IPPR North, IPPR, think tanks, and the progressive policy ecosystem
- Internal support network for research & interns
- Long-term advice and support available from our team for all our Q-Step interns in their careers