Data Fellowship Project 2025

Institute for Public Policy Research - Routes to Tackling Child Poverty

Organisation and Team

Economy & Environment

Application Criteria

Essential:

- Interest in economic justice, social security and child poverty
- Ability to work independently
- Good analytical skills
- Proficiency in Excel

Desirable:

- Ability to use statistical software to perform basic analysis and to produce charts and tables
- Good writing skills and ability to explain statistical results clearly
- Understanding of the social security system and wider political context

Project Outline

The successful candidate will be engaged in an analysis and policy research project that seeks to understand different routes to reducing child poverty through changes to the the tax and benefit system This work will include extensive use of the IPPR tax-benefit model for which training will be provided. The research will explore topics such as:

- Poverty and inequality
- Universal Credit
- Distributional analysis
- Employment and pay growth

Through the project you will gain knowledge and experience of social security policy, microsimulation modelling and policy development. The successful candidate will work with the Principal Economist to produce innovative and fresh analysis to better understand policy options for reducing child poverty. This will directly inform our programme of work influencing the government's child poverty strategy.

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Practical Considerations

Ideally the work will be carried out via a mix of online remote work with in-person work in our London office 1-2 days/week. But coming into the office every day or working remotely every day are also feasible.

Selection Method

Interviews will be held online

Support and Training

Induction and line management support. IPPR also offers various training opportunities to all its staff some of which may be available at the time of the internship.

You will receive specific training on the use of the IPPR Tax-benefit microsimulation model required to carry out the research

The successful candidate will be supervised by Henry Parkes, Head of Work Social Security and Living Standards at IPPR

Supporting Information

IPPR previously hosted successful Q-step internships over the summer in 2021 and 2022. Our 2022 intern even joined us for a meeting in 10 Downing Street!

IPPR is the UK's leading progressive policy think tank, with a major goal of influencing policymakers to achieve economic and environmental justice.