

International Longevity Centre UK: From ageing to advantage: Quantifying the longevity dividend

PROJECT OVERVIEW

ILC is advancing its wider programme of work on the longevity dividend, building the evidence and tools governments need to understand, quantify and act on the economic and fiscal benefits of healthier, longer lives. This work connects demographic change to labour market participation, productivity, macroeconomic performance and public finances, translating complex analysis into decision-ready outputs for policy and practice, including interactive data products and concise policy publications.

The student will support this broader longevity work by helping to organise and harmonise cross-country datasets (e.g. demographic, labour market and fiscal indicators), producing clear descriptive analysis, and developing charts and tables for policy audiences. They will also contribute to the development and testing of simple scenario inputs (for example, changes in participation at older ages), quality-check analytical outputs, and summarise emerging insights in short, accessible notes to support ILC's research, policy and stakeholder engagement activities.

PRACTICAL ARRANGEMENTS



Organisation and Team

Research and Policy



Working Arrangement

Hybrid



Selection Method

Interviews will be held online

MORE ABOUT ICL

ICL is the UK's leading authority on the impact of longevity on society. We combine evidence, solutions and networks to make change happen.

We help governments, policymakers, businesses and employers develop and implement solutions to ensure we all live happier, healthier and more fulfilling longer lives.

We want a society where we all live happier, healthier and more fulfilling longer lives, where tomorrow is better than today and where future generations are better off. ILC wants to help forge a new vision for the 100-year life where we all have the opportunity to learn across our lives and where new technology helps us contribute more to society.

SUPPORT AND TRAINING

- Whilst you will be line-managed by a single person in the team, you will be encouraged to contact and work with other relevant members of ILC to ensure you gain the most from the placement. As we are a small team, you will have the opportunity to liaise with all members of the team and will gain an understanding of how a Think Tank runs.
- You will have the opportunity to work alongside and learn from experts in the fields of ageing and longevity.
- Where applicable, successful candidates may be asked to present their work directly to funders and would receive guidance and support in preparing for these presentations.
- You will chair at least one of our Wednesday team meetings, and will be invited to attend formal ILC events
- Individuals who work with us in any temporary capacity, whether a paid 1-year internship or a short-term student placement, will be treated as a member of the team, will be invited to join team meetings, informal ILC meetings and social gatherings.
- ILC will cover travel expenses that are above and beyond travel to and from the ILC office in Vauxhall, London.

APPLICATION CRITERIA

ESSENTIAL

- Confident using Excel to clean, structure and quality-check datasets (merging, reformatting, consistency checks, documentation).
- Ability to produce descriptive statistics and summary tables (including pivots) across countries and time periods.
- Skilled at creating clear, policy-ready charts and tables suitable for briefings and reports.
- Ability to interpret patterns in quantitative data and explain implications in plain English for non-technical audiences.
- Strong attention to detail, logical thinking and careful data management, with clear written communication skills.

DESIRABLE

- Experience with basic modelling or projections, such as trend analysis, scenario building or sensitivity testing (e.g. comparing business-as-usual vs reform scenarios).
- Familiarity with large administrative or international datasets, including cross-country comparability issues.
- Experience using R and/or Stata (and/or Python) for data cleaning, descriptive analysis or simple modelling.
- Experience with Tableau or Power BI for dashboard-style visualisation (helpful, not required).
- Understanding of demographic, labour market or public finance indicators, and curiosity about translating analysis into decision-ready policy insight.