

University of Manchester Q-Step Summer Project 2016

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Organisation Name: The Times and The Sunday Times

Team / Department: The Data Journalism team

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Provisional title for project:

Data-driven journalism investigations with The Times and Sunday Times Data Team

100 word abstract of what the project would probably undertake, and any data to be used

We're offering an opportunity to jump into the heart of a newsroom to work on data-led investigations. The successful candidate will be comfortable working with a small data team to find unique story angles and tell stories through data. You would use computer assisted reporting to investigate stories by gathering, manipulating and analysing data. The team is made up of a statistician, a programmer and a journalist, and together with them you can use your quantitative social science skills to break news stories through innovative techniques.

Key words (up to 12)

Essential and desirable skills that the student would need to have

Essential: Excel/Google Spreadsheets

Desirable: Stats knowledge, programmatic data parsing, data manipulation or data analysis skills (not all needed together). The ideal candidate does not need to come from a specific department – we are excited to see applicants from a wide range of research fields and practices – but an interest in journalism is important.

Where the work would be carried out:

In the Times and Sunday Times newsroom, News UK in London.

Preferred selection method (interview or other meeting)

Interview or Skype interview

Support and training offered by the organisation

Whether you want to learn to scrape for a story or how to mine and manipulate data for an investigation, we can tailor training to your interests.

Supporting information

Financial assistance offered by the organisation