

# Q-Step Summer Project 2017: The Bureau of Investigative Journalism

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**Team/Department:** Bureau Local

**Address:** Acorn House, 314-320 Gray's Inn Road, Kings Cross,  
London WC1X 8DP

**Provisional Title for Project:** "Local Journalism: Your Data  
Investigation"

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

The Bureau Local is a newly formed part of the Bureau of Investigative Journalism aimed at telling stories that matter to local communities across the UK. The Bureau Local, run by Megan Lucero - formerly the Data Editor of The Times and Sunday Times, will be a central resource for computational resources needed to unearth local stories buried in what is now a sea of digitised information.

On this placement you will get to join the core team that is working with a network of local journalists, technologists, community-minded citizens and specialist contributors to find and tell the local and national public interest stories that hold power to account.

We would love for applicants to pitch ideas for stories that need to be told at a local level or technology that needs to be used or built to solve local and investigative journalism problems. You will get to work on this if your application is successful. Or, you can lend your interest and skillset to what the team is working on when you arrive.

This is a brand new project at the Bureau of Investigative Journalism. Applicants interested in this placement should know that they will be working in a small, experimental team. We hope that excites some of you and if so, you apply.

**Key Words (up to 12):** Data Journalism, Local Journalism, Investigative Journalism, Computational Method, Tech, Innovation, Open Data, Open Government

**Essential and desirable skills that the student would need to have:**

**Essential:** Comfortable - advanced use of Excel/Google Spreadsheets

**Desirable:** Use of a coding language or programme for analysis (R, python, etc.)

**Where the work would be carried out:**

London (address above) or in a town of your choice if your pitch is on a local journalism project.

**Preferred selection method:** Interview/Skype Interview

**Support and training offered by the organisation:**

Opportunity to work alongside our team and with our network of journalists and technologists. We are happy to help you learn as much as you'd like.

**Any issues of data confidentiality and/or IPR that would need to be resolved:**

A confidentiality agreement would need to be signed when working on an ongoing investigation.

**Supporting Information:**

[www.thebureauinvestigates.com](http://www.thebureauinvestigates.com)

**Financial assistance offered by the organisation:** N/A