

# Q-Step Internship: BBC Visual Journalism

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At the BBC they strive to meet a certain number of global data projects each year, these projects in particular are what I have been working on. I also aided in gathering data for news stories and made daily Go-Figures for their social media accounts.

I was introduced to one project which was in the very early stages. The data for this particular project had already been collected however it needed organising and analysing. Over a couple of weeks the database has been completed in preparation for mapping the data.

As well as this project I have also helped different journalists with other projects, this has involved the use of excel to analyse databases as well as researching and collecting secondary data.

An example of a project that I worked on is based on China's Economy.

Link: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-asia-china-33802777>



As well as working with data I have had the opportunity to engage with other areas of visual journalism. On a few occasions I was asked to create a 'Go Figure' to be used on the BBC's social media sites. This involves finding a story and facts and making an image on Photoshop.



These can be found by searching the hashtag *BBCGoFigure* on Twitter, or on the BBC News Facebook and Instagram pages.

Overall from my time at the BBC I have developed skills in; Excel, QGIS, R, Tableau and Photoshop. As well as learning the importance of statistics to support a story to aid a persons understanding. It has also taught me about how important accuracy is in presenting data to the public.