

Q-Step Summer Project 2017: The Times and The Sunday Times

Ref: #38 UoMQStep 2017 The Times and The Sunday Times

Team/Department: Data Journalism Team

Address: The News Building, 1 London Bridge Street, London SE1 9GF

Provisional Title for Project: "Data-Driven Journalism with The Times and Sunday Times Data Team"

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

The project will involve finding news stories in data. The student is welcome to pitch their own ideas, and the topic and project plan will be decided jointly by the student and placement supervisor in the first week of the placement. The subject could be health, education, politics, technology or anything else that would be of interest to a Times reader. The source data might be open data, information obtained by the Data Journalism Team, or data collected by the student during the placement.

Key Words (up to 12): Journalism, Newspaper, News, Media, Data

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

Essential: Interest in current affairs/social issues
Spreadsheet skills (entering data, basic formulas, sorting & filtering)
Awareness of statistical methods
Ability to write in clear, simple language

Desirable: Experience of student journalism
Experience using R, SPSS or any other programming language

Preferred selection method: Interview

Support and training offered by the organisation:

Weekly one-to-one mentoring/training.

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

Supporting Information: N/A

Financial assistance offered by the organisation: N/A

