

The Young Foundation Internship 2019

Background

The Young Foundation is a non-profit, non-governmental think tank based in London. The Young Foundation originally began as the Institute of Community Studies (ICS), set up by our founder Michael Young in 1954. Today, The Young Foundation's mission is to develop better connected and more sustainable communities across the UK. As a UKRI accredited Independent Research Organisation, social investor and community development practitioner, we combine all our skills and expertise, to further that mission.

We amplify the stories and lived experiences of people in our communities, using this as a spur to drive locally-led community action and enterprise. We use what we learn across different communities to spot national patterns of need and opportunity. Then we work with national partners to support new ideas to tackle those shared, national challenges.

Bringing together our own, and other people's work, we are building a shared body of evidence, tools and insight about how communities are taking action on the issues that affect them. We work across a range of innovation sectors, including education, health, and place-making.

Role specifications

The intern will work across our Research and Communities teams, which together deliver a wide range of programmes. The exact nature of the work will be agreed upon with the intern, depending on skills and interests, but we anticipate time will largely be split across two major projects:

- A health programme working with local people in Tower Hamlets (the borough of London where The Young Foundation is based) to help them develop ideas to feel healthier and happier. We are one of four organisations leading the approach across the borough. Our programme is supporting local people to turn their ideas into reality by providing training, access to funding and connecting with others to share ideas and skills.
- A research and community action programme in Barking and Dagenham (another East London borough) which is using our Amplify methodology to increase social cohesion and integration. We have a team of local, peer researchers who we are supporting to carry out research, community activities and to support local people with ideas to create change.

There may also be the option of working 1 day a week on your own project connected to The Young Foundation's work – in agreement with us. This can be a research or data science project.

Duties

We are seeking an intern open to flexibility, with a desire and willingness to work passionately around a range of community innovation programmes. The role will include:

- Contributing to the development and delivery of on the ground research and community engagement activities, .e.g. storytelling events, 'pop-up' activities within communities etc.
- Desk research and data analysis, e.g. to support the evaluation of the programmes.
- Providing administrative and logistical support to the programmes.

Occasional evening and weekend work will be required for ad-hoc events.

This role is for a maximum of 3 months, unless the intern can confirm that they have additional funding beyond the \$6000 award. As an indication of living costs, applicants should note that the London Living Wage (based on what people need to live in the city and higher than the National Minimum Wage) is £370/ week (around £315 after tax and National Insurance deductions), which at the December 2018 exchange rate would come to an estimate of \$6,400 CAD for 3 months.

This role would be ideally suited to a candidate with a background in social sciences, the humanities or public health – but this is not a pre-requisite if the appropriate experience and interest can be demonstrated.

Position duration: 3 months (with optional extension beyond if funding is available) Start date: May, 2019