

## Cities that Work Intern: Job description and selection criteria

<b>Job title</b>	<b><i>Cities that Work</i> Intern</b>
<b>Division</b>	<b>Social Sciences</b>
<b>Department</b>	<b>Blavatnik School of Government</b>
<b>Location</b>	<b>Blavatnik School of Government (Oxford), and Department of Economics, London School of Economics (London)</b>
<b>Remuneration</b>	<b>£14.80 p/h</b>
<b>Hours</b>	<b>Full-time</b>
<b>Length of internship</b>	<b>12 weeks</b>
<b>Reporting to</b>	<b>Cities Economist, under the supervision of the <i>Cities that Work</i> Manager</b>
<b>Closing date</b>	<b>Monday 7 May 2018</b>

### Overview of *Cities that Work*

Working as part of a small team under the guidance of Professors Paul Collier, Ed Glaeser and Tony Venables, the intern will be responsible for the development of a new policy initiative launched by the International Growth Centre, *Cities that Work*.

*Cities that Work* is a global initiative that brings together a committed network of policymakers, researchers, and urban practitioners to provide **evidence based support for urban policy making in developing cities**. Based on rigorous academic research in the field of urban economics, and practical policy experiences, the initiative outlines key trade-offs policymakers face in four key areas: 1) Urban land use, 2) Housing, infrastructure and public services, 3) Firm development and employment in cities, 4) Municipal finance and urban governance. More information on the initiative can be found on our website: [www.theigc.org/citiesthatwork](http://www.theigc.org/citiesthatwork).

*Cities that Work* is an initiative launched by the International Growth Centre. The International Growth Centre (IGC) aims to promote sustainable growth in developing countries by providing demand-led policy advice based on frontier research.

The IGC directs a global network of world-leading researchers and 14 in-country teams in Africa and South Asia and works closely with partner governments to generate high quality research and policy advice on key growth challenges. The IGC's country teams work in Bangladesh, Ethiopia, Ghana, India, Kenya, Liberia, Mozambique, Myanmar, Pakistan, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, Tanzania, Uganda and Zambia. *Cities that Work* works closely with

IGC country teams, as well as engaging with a broader set of cities beyond countries where the IGC has offices, such as Cape Town, Lagos and Kabul.

## **The internship role**

The intern will undertake policy analysis on specific cities, and/or produce case studies that reflect and inform the experiences of policymakers and practitioners.

This content will form the basis of *Cities that Work* policy workshops and executive training courses, which will take place at the Blavatnik School of Government and across a number of developing cities.

The successful candidate can be based either at the Blavatnik School of Government (BSG), University of Oxford, or in the London School of Economics (LSE). In either case, it is expected that the candidate will work at least two days each week in Oxford. The candidate be managed by Astrid Haas, *Cities that Work* Manager, with additional supervision on content from Professors Collier, Glaeser and Venables.

## **Selection criteria**

The Blavatnik School is looking for a candidate who will strengthen its commitment to producing world-class research with clear policy relevance in developing countries, and who fully meets the following selection criteria:

### *Essential*

1. An undergraduate degree in (ideally development) economics or related discipline.
2. Ability to undertake policy analysis;
3. Ability to manage own research and associated activities;
4. A collaborative working style and the ability to deliver projects on deadline;
5. Excellent communication skills, including the ability to write for publication, present research proposals and results, write up findings for a policy audience, and represent the programme at meetings;
6. Accuracy, attention to detail, and self-motivation;

### *Desirable*

7. A postgraduate degree in development economics or related discipline;
8. Experience in organising an academic/policy event or conference;
9. Strong interest in cities and urbanisation.

## **How to apply**

Please email [citiesthatwork@theigc.org](mailto:citiesthatwork@theigc.org), with the following:

- 1) A letter of application, which (a) explains why you are for applying for the post and (b) provides evidence of how your qualifications, skills, and experience meet the selection criteria outlined above.
- 2) A full curriculum vitae.
- 3) A writing sample of 1,000 and 2,000 words.