

## Are You Our New Future of Planning Business Development Intern?

### The basics

<b>Location</b>	Central London
<b>Reporting to</b>	Future of Planning – Programme Lead
<b>Salary</b>	£18,000 pro rata on 3 months
<b>Working hours</b>	Full time The pattern of hours may vary according to operational needs and generally work will be carried out during normal office hours. We're a flexible employer.
<b>Contract</b>	3 month-internship
<b>Holidays</b>	25 days per annum, plus statutory holidays
<b>Equal Opportunities</b>	We strive to be an equal opportunities employer and commitment to this process will be expected.

### Who are we?

We are Future Cities Catapult. We develop and test urban solutions and accelerate them to market, to grow the UK economy and make cities better. We bring together businesses, universities and city leaders so that they can work with each other to solve the problems that cities face, now and in the future.

From our Urban Innovation Centre in London, we provide world-class facilities and expertise to support the development of new products and services, as well as opportunities to collaborate with others, test ideas and develop business models.

We help innovators turn ingenious ideas into working prototypes that can be tested in real urban settings. Then, once they're proven, we help spread them to cities across the world to improve quality of life, strengthen economies and protect the environment.

Our Cities Lab provides data analysis, modelling and visualisation capabilities to understand and elucidate city problems, while on-the-ground demonstrators in our network of collaborating cities

provide opportunities for testing new approaches in-situ. Combined, they help us discover which new ideas can have the biggest impact on our urban environments.

By bringing together the UK's top architects, engineers, designers, academics and business professionals, we can help them transform cities on a global scale. We will strengthen the UK's ability to turn excellent urban innovations into commercial reality.

We specialise in urban strategies, connected cities and urban data science. We use these capabilities to focus our work on three core themes: integrated urban planning, healthy cities and urban mobility. We can provide impartial advice about the most effective products and services – both off-the-shelf and bespoke – to help cities make the most effective use of their investments. We're about making innovation happen in cities.

## So what is it about?

Future Cities Catapult has launched [Future of Planning](#), a programme exploring how digital innovation, urban data, and user-centred design can improve the UK planning system. Future of Planning aims to de-risk and prove the demand for the data-driven and digitally-enabled products and services required to create a planning system fit for the 21st century.

As part of this programme we've already done a lot of great things. We've researched the State of the Art innovations in planning from around the world to understand the leading-edge technologies transforming the planning sector today. We've conducted in-depth user research to understand the most common challenges faced by those involved in the planning system as well as the opportunity areas for innovation. We also launched the Prototyping the Future of Planning Open Call to identify and support those with good ideas for tweaking and transforming the system.

We are now looking for interns to support us continuing to grow a successful programme of work at the Catapult and help us take Future of Planning to the next level.

## What will you be doing?

### **Main Responsibilities:**

You will be responsible for:

- Researching current state of the art and current practice in data-driven and digitally enabled planning
- Publicising Future of Planning programme through designing events, drafting blogs and working with communications team to get pieces placed
- Working with SMEs/Start-ups and local authorities to broker relationships around shared project ideas/opportunities
- Working across the catapult to develop new CR&D and commercial funding project ideas

## What kind of person are we looking for?

### **Essential requirements:**

- Current or completed University degree
- Strong written and communication skills
- Strong organisational skills
- Strong knowledge of the planning system, ideally with experience from both academia and a practical setting
- Interest in data, design and technology

### **Desirable:**

- Knowledge of Marketing, Events and Planning
- Visual Design skills (Adobe, PowerPoint, etc.)

## Want to apply?

Send your CV with covering letter via our [application portal](#). In your cover letter tell us why you're right for the job.

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