

# CAMBRIDGE SOCIAL SCIENCE PARTNERSHIP – INTERNSHIP PROJECT

## General Information

**Title:** Finding effective ways to share best practices for governance across borders

**Non-Academic partner:** Apolitical

**Role/Sector:** Global peer-to-peer platform for government

**Location:** 3 Sterne Street, Shepherd's Bush, London, W12 8AB

**Duration:** 3 months

**Start date:** Preferably November 2017 but negotiable

**Full or Part time:** Preferably full time but with some flexibility

## Who are you going to work with

Apolitical is a global peer-to-peer platform for government, helping policymakers find the policies, experts and partners they need to solve the hardest challenges facing our societies. Apolitical's members represent more than 60 countries and its institutional customers include the UK, UAE and Australian governments. Its partners include the Harvard Kennedy School, the World Bank, the World Economic Forum, Vice and Fast Company. Apolitical is a UK company backed by mission-driven investors in Europe, the US, Asia and Africa. The company is also supported by the European Union.

## How do you expect to spend your day

Apolitical is a rapidly expanding organisation, hence the projects and opportunities on offer to ESRC students will vary depending on priority areas at the time students join us. Broadly, the projects for which we would require assistance span: writing short and journalist case studies of innovative public policies from around the world, based on thorough research and interviews with the individuals involved; working with the community team to engage and serve our global community of public servants, activities might include organising webinars, flagship offline events with government partners, and encouraging users to generate and self-publish content; monitoring and analysing user data from the platform to help inform our design of the product; as well as various ongoing special projects overseen by our directors and founders that.

The central question that Apolitical is attempting to address is: how to develop and improve our global knowledge-sharing platform for civil servants? All the opportunities we offer will be geared towards producing and communicating that knowledge.

The main project objectives will be

- Learning to communicate about public policy;
- Learning to break government and policy silos;
- Finding effective ways to share best practices for governance across borders;
- Using data analytics to feed into product development and
- Analysis of user behaviour

## The ideal intern's personality and qualifications

Special competencies required depend on the position, but we are looking for students with research experience in Public Policy, Journalism, Data Analytics and Computer science (specifically webdesign).

## What are the benefits of Interning at this project

Our mission to enable public servants to approach governance in new and ground-breaking ways would benefit immeasurably from academic expertise in all the fields in which our company operates, from public policy and journalism to computer programming and data science.

Our partnership with Oxford University spin-outs Mind Foundry and on a joint research project to incorporate machine learning and artificial intelligence into the Apolitical platform, reflects this commitment.

We are acutely aware of the contribution individuals with a strong academic background can make to the workplace, our team includes a Cambridge PHD and graduates of Cambridge, Oxford and Harvard.

## Apply for this role

If you are interested in applying for this opportunity, please email the completed [application form](#) and a CV to [esrcdte@admin.cam.ac.uk](mailto:esrcdte@admin.cam.ac.uk).

Please note that all applications must be approved by the applicant's PhD supervisor. The application deadline is **September 20 2017**. Results will be announced early October 2017.