

INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY WITH THE OMEGA CENTRE, BARTLETT SCHOOL OF PLANNING

Applications are invited from post-graduate students for two internships with The OMEGA Centre at the Bartlett School of Planning. Applicants should have appropriate qualifications and/or experience in fields/disciplines associated with major urban development projects, urban regeneration, transport or other forms of infrastructure.

The positions will be based at the OMEGA Centre and appointments are expected to be made by 1st November and will run until 1st February 2013.

There is to be no contractual obligation between you and UCL and although you will not be paid for the placement, expenses will be provided.

These internships are focused on providing real-time exposure to a discrete piece of work being undertaken by the OMEGA Centre. Specifically, to gain key experience by contributing to data collection and analysis and the presentation of findings. Thus, the interns are to obtain 'on-the-job' training guided by a supervisor (Mr Philip Wright, Research Fellow of the OMEGA Centre) in examining and critiquing project appraisal methodologies and assessing the suitability of a multi-criteria analysis approach to such appraisals. This work consequently builds on and further develops tools and techniques provided by the OMEGA Centre.

More particularly, as guided by the supervisor, the interns are to:

- Fully familiarise themselves with currently applied urban project appraisal (and evaluation) methodologies used by major funding institutions;
- Prepare a draft critique of such methodologies in multiple contexts (including both the developed world and developing world);
- Research multi-criteria analysis techniques with a view to recommending appropriate frameworks and processes for application to urban project appraisal;
- Assist in the conducting of SWOT analyses of the application of multi-criteria analysis to urban project appraisal;
- Assist in the write-up of key findings from the above.

Key learning outcomes/skills developed are anticipated to be as follows:

- In-depth knowledge of the way in which major funding organisations/institutions approach project appraisal and evaluation;
- Appreciation of the shortcomings and advantages of the various appraisal and evaluation methodologies that are currently in use by such organisations/institutions;
- In-depth knowledge of the principles, approaches and methods used in the development of multi-criteria frameworks and processes for project appraisal and evaluation in different contextual situations;
- Enhanced knowledge of approaches to critiquing current project appraisal and evaluation methodologies;
- Enhanced skills in report preparation under tight programme conditions

Applications in writing should be e-mailed to Philip Wright at the OMEGA Centre (Philip.wright@ucl.ac.uk).

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