Data Scientist

The Young Foundation, Bethnal Green, London

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**Contract:** Part-time (17-21 hours per week, flexibility on working days),

**Salary:** £23,000-£30,000 pro rata dependent on experience (+ benefits and 25 days annual leave + 3 days off during Christmas pro rata)

**Location:** Bethnal Green, London

**Start date:** As soon as possible – August 2018

Overview

Connected, thriving communities are the foundation of our society. They keep us safer, happier and healthier – more resilient and able to face shared challenges. Today, The Young Foundation’s mission is to enable the development of connected, more sustainable and stronger communities across the UK. We do this through amplifying 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 work with national partners to support new ideas to tackle those shared 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.

About the role

We are now seeking a dynamic Data Scientist to help shape and progress our increasing interest in and work using data science methods. This role will involve working closely with the Director of Research and the wider Research Team to deliver existing projects and to push the boundaries of how data is used in policy and practice.

As the Young Foundation’s first Data Scientist there is considerable scope to help shape the role and we are looking for someone with vision and the ability to work autonomously. We are planning two major new initiatives – one bringing together a large number of major quantitative data sets to yield new insights, and another which will be exploring how we can make greater use of large volumes of unstructured data –
both in ways which are engaging and interactive. As a key part of the team, there will be scope for the post holder to suggest creative approaches and experimentation.

We are looking for someone with strong analysis and data visualisation skills, alongside an enthusiasm for cross-disciplinary working – much of our work is qualitative in nature and the Research team also works closely with colleagues in our Communities and Ventures teams, and with other research and applied social innovation institutions across Europe and beyond.

Projects which this post holder will be working on in the first few months are likely to cover challenges as diverse as exploring UK philanthropic giving, European Social Fund expenditure, and the wellbeing of young people using a unique data set which is not publicly available.

How to apply

Please send a CV (of no more than two pages) and a covering letter (of no more than two pages) setting out how your skills and relevant experience relate to the person specification to applications@youngfoundation.org. The covering letter should give details of your current role, salary and notice period, and confirmation that you are a British or EU Citizen or otherwise have the right to work in the UK. Please also include as an appendix examples of data visualisations/ tools/ dashboards you have previously developed or links to online version.

The closing date for applications is 9am on 27th June

Interviews will take place on the 6th or 9th July

We regret that we will only be able to reply, and give feedback, to short-listed applicants. For any questions about this role or about the application process, please contact Amanda Hill-Dixon on +44 20 8990 6263.