

Subject

Urban Researcher

Date

13.02.2024

Location

London

Salary guide:

£32,406 - £43,208 per annum
(plus company benefits)

Hours:

37.5 per week (but open to
flexibility for the ideal candidate)

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Urban Researcher (3-5 years)

Are you an enthusiastic urban researcher interested in cities, their communities and economies and exploring how these are shaped?

We're seeking a candidate with knowledge and an interest in cities and spaces and the processes by which they are shaped. The ideal candidate will be experienced in undertaking quantitative and qualitative research with expertise in cultural infrastructure, participative methods and peer research/ citizen science. You should be confident in a project and client management role, adaptable and keen to develop skills across a broad range of projects.

The Urban Research Unit at We Made That combines incisive analysis with strategic thinking about the built environment. The team bring robust socio-economic and spatial analysis skills to our wider portfolio of socially-responsible urban projects across the UK. This role includes working within our Urban Research Unit to deliver desk-based research and data auditing, to conduct primary research and stakeholder engagement, to analyse qualitative and quantitative research findings and to contribute to report writing and strategy development.

You'll be involved in diverse research projects covering themes such as culture and creative industries, high streets, community engagement, and strategic development for towns and cities across the UK. You'll be driven by wanting to help create equitable places through incisive research and impactful projects.

Responsibilities and tasks

The ideal candidate will be an experienced urban researcher, familiar with working as part of a small team and comfortable in managing their time across multiple projects, working with members of the public, contributing to research development and communicating data in an accurate and concise way.

You must be a talented researcher, with good technical knowledge, strong visual and graphic skills and with a great eye for presentation. Working within a project team you should be comfortable reporting to project leads, working directly with clients and manage deadlines and project workload effectively.

Project focused:

- contribute to day to day running of projects, undertaking administration, project management tasks and research
- working with our peer researchers and citizen scientists to achieve project outcomes
- analysis of primary and secondary information and presenting data and findings in an accurate and concise way

- produce visual maps, graphs and well-structured reports with a considered, high design quality
- contribute to developing urban-scale strategies, participative co-design projects and early stages of project development
- contribute to bid submissions and research proposals
- devise engagement strategies for projects, including facilitating workshops and events
- lead presentations to teams, project collaborators, clients and stakeholders
- manage other assistants and be a good team player
- actively participate in CPD (continuing professional development), design reviews, training and internal practice knowledge shares
- demonstrate a powerful public conscience in pursuing project goals and practice aims

Competencies, skills and experience

You must be a be a talented and inquisitive urban researcher with a keen interest in working on projects delivering social impact. You should have a fluency in working with a broad spectrum of people - including the wider public – in driving projects forwards. Excellent communication skills and a desire to contribute to lively, creative and productive team working required.

Essential:

- have a degree level qualification in urban/cities studies, political sciences or a similar related discipline
- be familiar with city regeneration contexts and best practice across the UK
- have UK-based experience of urban research commissions, ideally for public sector clients
- experience in undertaking quantitative and qualitative research through analytical and engaged processes
- strong Adobe CS and visual skills with a keen eye for presentation
- proficiency with GIS software
- excellent command of written and spoken English
- collaborative and can-do attitude
- good project and client management skills, with the ability to drive project development forwards with meaningful impact
- have a genuine interest in delivering social impact through our project work
- demonstrate keen appreciation of environmental performance impacts

Desired:

- have 3- 5 years relevant professional experience post Masters-level qualification in economics, political science, urban systems, policy studies or similar related subject
- have worked in a similar role within a place-making, architecture or academic organisation, including in the public sector;
- experience managing a team of assistants
- experience running engagement events and workshops
- experience using CMAP or similar project management software

Benefits

On top of a competitive salary, we offer staff a wide range of benefits: hybrid working options, flexible working hours policy, pension and enhanced parental leave provision, profit share, paid professional memberships, training opportunities, cycle-to-work scheme, and an interest-free TfL season ticket loan. Our internal wellbeing and activities programme includes social events and field trips, as well as wider support.

Equal opportunities

Candidates must be eligible to work in the UK and would ideally be available to start in March 2024. We Made That is an equal opportunities employer, accredited as both London Living Wage and Mayor of London's Good Work Standard employer.

We are keen that our practice reflects the diversity of communities we design for, and welcome and encourage applications from individuals from groups historically under-represented in the sector.

How to apply

Please send a digital copy of your CV to jobs@wemadethat.co.uk (max 10MB) along with a covering letter outlining how you meet the criteria. Mark the subject line with 'Urban Researcher'.

Pay will be commensurate with experience and we would request that you set out your pay expectations in the covering letter.

Deadline

Deadline for applications is 13.03.2024.

About We Made That

We create equitable places through incisive research and impactful projects. We work exclusively for the public sector and charities and are committed to delivering public good.

Our multi-disciplinary team delivers urban research, strategies and masterplans, and public spaces and buildings. Together, we provide considered and thorough intelligence, shape healthy, fair and well-designed places and bring life and value to the built environment.

We are driven by making better places for all.

We Made That was established in 2006, and became a Certified B Corporation in 2021 with a new legal accountability to balance profit and purpose. We deliver projects across the UK from offices in London and Manchester.