

Advisor, Research and Evaluation

Permanent: 39 hours per week

Salary range: £30,000 - £45,000 per annum, plus benefits

Based in Central London

The Behavioural Insights Team (BIT) is looking for an exceptional candidate to join our Research and Evaluation team in London. The Research and Evaluation Team works with each of our policy teams to test the impact of behaviourally informed policies in the UK and overseas. The successful applicant will support the Head of Data Science to design, conduct, and evaluate Randomised Controlled Trials, as well as helping to develop BIT's growing econometric and data science function.

The Behavioural Insights Team

The Prime Minister created BIT in 2010 to apply behavioural science to public policy in the UK. In February 2014 we became a social purpose company, owned by the Cabinet Office, Nesta (an innovation charity) and our employees.

The Behavioural Insights Team works with governments around the world in almost every area of Government policy. Whilst the subject and output of our projects varies considerably, there are common threads: we try to understand the contexts in which their people make decisions; we notice small details; we find out what has and hasn't worked before; and we measure everything we do as robustly as we can.

The company today spans three continents but has the same relaxed and non-hierarchical office culture as it did when it was a team of just eight employees. Though our origins are from within the UK government, staff at BIT today come from countries across the world. We regularly eat lunch together; play sport; and socialise outside of work time.

As well as displaying professional excellence, BIT selects staff on the basis of cultural fit: all our staff believe passionately in our company values: always prioritising social impact; empiricism and humility; fresh thinking, collaboration; and public service.

Roles and Responsibilities

The Research and Evaluation Team works with each of our policy teams to test the impact of behaviourally informed policies in the UK and overseas. The output of this work helps to define how governments and international organisations – like the World Bank and the UN – respond to some of the most crucial policy challenges of our time.

The research team is at the forefront of a revolution in evidence based policy, conducting randomised controlled trials (RCTs) in fields ranging from health, to energy, to charitable giving and employment. The team, which leads the design of these RCTs and their analyses, is responsible for ensuring the rigour of these trials is kept to the highest possible standard, while ensuring that the team continues to conduct impactful, pragmatic research. Few organisations offer the opportunity to work on as wide a variety of trials as the Behavioural Insights Team, and none with the same focus on trials that run alongside government priorities. This role will suit a candidate with a strong background in econometrics and trial design.

Essential

- ◆ A degree (masters or higher) in a relevant subject (such as economics, econometrics or data science), including significant statistics and econometrics
- ◆ Good working knowledge of Stata and/or R, (this will be tested)
- ◆ Ability to manage a workload of several projects and to deliver to a high standard on deadline
- ◆ Ability to work collaboratively, with a range of stakeholders in delivery, policy and academic fields
- ◆ An excellent understanding of the behavioural science literature
- ◆ A good, intuitive understanding in econometrics or statistics
- ◆ The ability to communicate complex topics to a large audience clearly and effectively
- ◆ Experience conducting original research, either using large datasets or conducting experiments in the lab or field (for example as a research assistant or as part of study)
- ◆ Excellent communication skills, including ability to communicate to non-technical and policy audiences

Desirable

- ◆ A PhD or significant research experience in a relevant subject area, including, but not limited to Economics; Behavioural Economics; Econometrics
- ◆ Experience of running Randomised Control Trials and familiarity with other evaluation methods routinely used in field experiments
- ◆ Experience working with large datasets

How to apply: To apply candidates should upload their CV and complete their application through Applied: <https://www.beapplied.com/apply/NIJa9yKiTe>

Date of posting: 24th May 2016

Close of Applications: 6th June 2016 at midnight

Interviews and assessment tasks will take place: From mid-June 2016

Please note:

- ◆ If you do not already hold the right to work in the UK and/or require sponsorship in order to continue working here, you should think carefully before applying. This is because we will be unable to sponsor you unless there is no other suitably qualified settled worker available to fill the role or your current immigration status means that the resident labour market test will not apply in your case.
- ◆ Due to the volume of applications received we are unable to provide feedback. Please ensure that you meet the requirements for the role.

To find out more about the organisation and the type of people who work in the team visit: <http://www.behaviouralinsights.co.uk>

The Behavioural Insights Team is committed to a policy of Equal Employment Opportunity and is determined to ensure that no applicant or employee receives less favourable treatment on the grounds of gender, age, disability, religion, belief, sexual orientation, marital status, or race, or is disadvantaged by conditions or requirements which cannot be shown to be justifiable.