Placement: Cambridge Industrial Innovation Policy (CIIP) in partnership with the United Nations Industrial Development Organisation (UNIDO)

3-month duration, preferably full-time, preferably in person (at Cambridge, UK)

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Based at IfM Engage, a wholly owned subsidiary of the University of Cambridge, Policy Links is a global not-for-profit innovation policy consultancy unit that helps governments develop effective industrial innovation policies. We have a track record of delivering high-impact consultancy and capacity building projects in both developing and developed countries. Our services are based on the latest academic insights and our specialist understanding of international policy implementation. Together with the Centre for Science, Technology, and Innovation Policy (CSTI), and the Babbage Forum, we make up the Cambridge Industrial Innovation Policy group (CIIP).

Cambridge Industrial Innovation Policy
https://www.ciip.group.cam.ac.uk/whatwedo/services/

Context
In 2022, CIIP collaborated with the World Economic Forum and UNIDO to produce a White Paper on the future of industrial strategies. The paper identified five grand challenges that are being faced by governments, industries, and research organisations around the world. These were: environmental sustainability, technology development and diffusion, securing the future skills of the workforce, building more resilient supply chains, and integrating business value with social value.

This year, we are building on this work and addressing the question of how governments, industries, and research organisations are addressing these challenges. Three main lines of work are being developed: consultations with relevant stakeholders through an online survey; elaboration of case studies; and the organisation of high-level workshops with government officials, business executives, and leaders of research organisations, as well as selected experts.

The expected outputs are short thematic papers on each of the challenge areas, bringing together the insights from the consultations, insights from case studies, and the insights from the workshops.

The successful applicant will spend 3 months working with CIIP analysts to support the development of these activities, along the lines described below.

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| 1 Evidence gathering & data analysis | This will include, but not be limited to:  
  • Analysis of industrial strategy documents  
  • Identifying and analysing case studies of public-private-research collaboration | 33% |
Creating graphs, tables, and other visual elements based on the findings of the survey with the community

| 2 | Workshop support | • Supporting the facilitation of thematic workshops  
• Supporting record-keeping and analysis of workshop inputs | 33% |
| 3 | Writing-up support | • Support the writing up of thematic papers and other project-related documents | 33% |

Desired experience, skills, and attributes

Experience

• Background in economics (industrial, development, political economy) or engineering (with a policy focus), or related areas  
• Demonstrable interest and expertise in industrial and technology trends and policies  
• Experience in report writing and workshop facilitation  
• Experience in customer-facing roles

Skills

• Collaborative working  
• Confidence in the use of IT tools  
• Competence in data analysis: elaboration of graphs, tables, and other visual elements  
• Excellent written and verbal communication in English

Traits

• High attention to detail  
• Teamwork and openness to feedback  
• Professional and reliable  
• Proactive with good initiative  
• Curious, enthusiastic and a good problem solver

We are open to conversations around flexible working and operate an ‘office first’ hybrid working policy (at 60% of working time in the office). We encourage applications from all sections of society. The salary for this placement is circa £40,000 per annum pro-rata. Applicants must have the right to work in the UK.

This opportunity closes at 9am on Friday 28 July 2023. To apply, please send a CV and covering letter to Alison Martin ifm-engage@eng.cam.ac.uk