



# PROSPERITY INSTITUTE

## Prosperity Institute Internship

### *Information Pack*

#### **About the Internship**

The Prosperity Institute Internship offers an intensive, 4-week immersion in the world of public policy research and advocacy during the summer. Following a highly competitive application process, successful candidates will learn about the ideas and skills necessary to shape public policy through supporting initiatives at the Institute as interns.

We are a London-based think tank focused on promoting the prosperity of individuals, families, communities, and nations through research, education, and advocacy. The Institute's interests span a wide range of areas including economics, cultural heritage, diplomacy, education and sovereignty.

Given this breadth of subject interests and advocacy activities, interns can come from a wide range of academic and educational backgrounds. Our interns can gain exposure to a variety of activities including research, communications, and policy advocacy.

#### **Our Research and Advocacy**

The internship presents an opportunity to work with a team focused on promoting prosperity, broadly understood. Whilst not a confessional organisation, the Institute recognises the Judeo-Christian foundations of British law and government and approaches public policy and the concept of prosperity with this in mind.

This includes supporting freedom of enterprise, trade, belief and expression, as well as supporting national sovereignty, strong families, limited government, and respect for our cultural heritage and the infinite worth of the human person. The Institute fosters friendships with like-minded organisations overseas and recognises the importance of the UK's special relationship with the United States and other English-speaking countries.

#### **Important Information**

Date & Timings: Four weeks during the summer of 2025  
Working hours: Full time, unless undertaken as part of a university programme.  
Location: 11 Charles Street, London, United Kingdom.  
Remuneration: Intern remuneration is at least commensurate with the minimum wage, unless undertaken as part of a university programme.

### **Key Internship Activities**

Internships are varied and, where possible, tailored to the interests and skills of interns. Whilst some work will involve elementary tasks, our aim is for interns to be engaged with live research and advocacy projects as far as possible. Each intern will take responsibility for producing a piece of work over the course of their internship. Examples of activities interns undertake include:

- Completing a research project over the course of the internship and presenting findings to the team.
- Supporting Institute staff with research, including examining academic literature, legislation, policy reports, journalism and datasets.
- Drafting documents such as policy briefings and media articles.
- Assisting with the production of digital and social media content.
- Supporting in administrative and operational tasks, for example with preparing and hosting events.
- Where appropriate, shadowing Institute staff attending engagements in Parliament and advocacy forums.
- Completing a series of learning sessions on the Institute's approach to public policy.

### **Eligibility and Selection Criteria**

The internship is aimed at mid- to late-stage undergraduates, or very recent graduates, with keen career interests in policy research, advocacy, and political leadership. Being in an undergraduate programme is not, however, essential. Candidates may be completing education or training in other ways or at other stages, such as working on a master's degree or being in a vocational training programme.

Relevant academic fields include, but are not limited to, government and politics, public law / jurisprudence, political science, philosophy, history, and economics. Strong organisational, analytical and communication skills (both written and verbal) are crucial. The ability to manage and analyse quantitative data is desirable but not absolutely essential. Relevant vocational programmes could include journalism, and digital media production.

Candidates will be selected based on demonstrating good personal **character**, emerging **competence** in skills relevant to public policy research and advocacy, and a strong **commitment** to furthering the cause of prosperity as understood by the Institute.

### **Work and Residence Requirements**

Applicants will need to have the right to live and work in the UK to participate in this internship. If undertaking the internship as part of an academic degree course, candidates must ensure any academic, visa, and residence requirements are completed through their sponsoring university. Interns will need to be present at our offices on all working days.

### **How to Apply**

- To apply, please read the information on this page carefully and submit an application through our online form no later than **1<sup>st</sup> April 2025**.
- The application process takes place in two stages: first, a written application, and second, one or more interviews.
- The written application will involve submitting:
  - Dates when available to undertake an internship
  - A CV
  - Academic transcripts, or evidence of other equivalent certification
  - Written answers to three questions (below)

- Contact details for one personal character referee and one professional referee
- Initial interviews for shortlisted candidates will take place in-person at the Prosperity Institute. There may be a second interview which will take place online.
- Applicants will be notified of outcomes by the end of April.

### **Written Answers**

Applicants should prepare written answers to each of the following three questions. Responses to each question should not exceed 500 words. All three should be submitted in a single PDF document and uploaded to the appropriate section of the application form.

- What are your career goals in the next ten years, and how will an internship at the Prosperity Institute help you achieve them?
- What change in public policy would most effectively improve prosperity in Britain, and why?
- What three books have most inspired your thinking about politics and public policy, and why?

### **FAQs**

*I don't live in London. Can I still participate?*

Anyone can undertake our internship if they have the right to work in the UK. Participants must be available to work in person at our offices in London for the duration of the internship. We are unable to assist with the provision of accommodation and travel costs.

*Do I need to be in a degree programme to take part?*

Interns will typically join us in holiday time during the course of an undergraduate degree. However, undertaking a university degree is by no means a requirement. Applicants should demonstrate how they have skills and interests relevant to research and advocacy.

*I'm only available during university vacations. Will it be possible to undertake the internship?*

We recognise that interns will typically have commitments during academic term times, and that these vary by institution. Please indicate when you would be available on the form below.

*I would like to undertake the internship as part of my degree. Is this possible?*

This is a possibility, but it is the responsibility of prospective interns to ensure that our internship would be suitable for the purposes of their degree. If you have any questions about this, please contact us for more information.

*Will interns spend most of their time doing elementary administrative tasks?*

No. Our internship programme is designed to stretch, engage and offer experience to our participants. Interns should expect to take responsibility for a research project during the course of their internship and contribute to live research and advocacy projects. Nevertheless, there will be some basic work such as support with events and assisting with administrative tasks.

*Are you affiliated with a political party?*

No. Programme participants may have personal affiliations with a political party, but this is by no means a requirement. The Institute is fully independent of any political party.

*Are you affiliated with a religious group or denomination?*

No. We approach public life with a deep appreciation for the Judeo-Christian foundations of our law and government. However, we are not a confessional organisation with formal religious affiliation.