

UK Network

We have set up a UK Network to drive the Bank's efforts to identify and help reduce imbalances in SMEs' access to finance across the UK. The UK Network has a representative in every region and nation of the UK. They maintain close relationships with business finance stakeholders across the UK, in order to bring back to the Bank detailed insights into local SME finance ecosystems. The Bank uses this understanding to inform policymakers about what is needed where. It also shapes what we do as a Bank to increase small businesses' awareness and understanding of the finance options best suited to their needs.

You would work as part of the UK Network's Central Team, where your key responsibilities would include:

- *Completing a project focused on regional economic development:* Through a combination of regional intel from our colleagues, data from other teams within the BBB and desktop research, you will complete a research project that aims to help reduce regional inequalities within business finance. This project will include working with key internal and external stakeholders and will culminate with you presenting your findings and recommendations for future action.
- *Government Engagement:* You will have regular engagement with Government officials from HM Treasury and the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy. This will involve stakeholder engagement internally within the British Business Bank also with our Policy and Government Relations teams.
- *Acting as UKN Co-Ordination Point:* You will act as the liaison point for the UKN Field team, answering queries and proving briefings on matters raised by Field team colleagues. This may include attending and assisting with events hosted by the UKN Field Team with key stakeholders.
- *Promoting the UKN internally:* You will work with other Central Team colleagues to promote the UKN within the BBB. This may involve collaborating with other teams on a particular project or presenting research at a team meeting.

Key Skills & Attributes:

- This internship would suit an undergraduate from any discipline, though we are looking for an individual who can demonstrate strong research & analysis skills, strong IT skills (Word, Excel and Powerpoint), a good communicator (written & verbal). Ideally with an interest in regional economic development.