

General Information

Title: Startup Europe. Assessment of the overall initiative approach, impact and objectives

Non-Academic partner: European Commission

Role/Sector: Intern/Startup Europe

Location: Avenue de Beaulieu 25, Brussels, Belgium

Duration: 3 months

Start date: Preferably Autumn term 2017 but negotiable

Full or Part time: Preferably full time but with some flexibility

Who are you going to work with

Startup Europe is the European Commission initiative aimed at supporting the European ecosystem to accelerate its growth. Through various policies and programs, it helps startups to develop cross-border activities, collaboration between the key players of ecosystems, enhance the European entrepreneurial culture or facilitate the international collaborations.

The initiative was launched 6 years ago with the support of former EC VP – Neelie Kroes and since then it had received more visibility and recognition.

Some key milestones:

- 2013 – the launch of the Startup Manifesto with Niklas Zenstromm, Joanna Shields, Daniel Ek & support from the Founders Forum
- 2014 – The launch of Startup Europe Partnership - a matchmaking platform between startups and corporates at WEF in Davos
- 2015 – the launch of Startup Europe Summit – a place where policy meets technology, which was attended by key European founders, investors and policy makers
- 2016 – The launch of Startup Europe Week – a massive European movement to enhance the European startup culture across the continent.

The startup Europe team is small, however very ambitious. Our work composes of policy making, project management and overall administrative activities.

How do you expect to spend your day

This is of interest for social sciences professionals because in the last 6 years the initiative had was supporting European entrepreneurship, stimulating it, removing its obstacles, measuring its growth, funding collaborative community actions and helping on unlocking cross-border opportunities.

Main objectives of these project include:

- Assess the outcomes of the Startup Europe initiative (Policy, Projects, Events and Research).
- Write an impact assessment of the initiative, and provide some key observations
- Create a slide-deck with the results of the analysis and present them to the European Commission in Brussels.

The ideal intern's personality and qualifications

We are looking for an energetic and passionate Cambridge Intern that:

- Has to have good analytical and negotiation skills
- Provides value and executes with ease.
- Is supportive with the colleagues
- Has good communication skills

Essential skills:

We believe that someone who is willing to learn about startups and startups ecosystems, has good analytical skills and knowledge about impact evaluations.

What are the benefits of Interning at this project

Professionals with high degree of knowledge and understanding of the complexities of building a startup landscape, can come with a different view at the same problem, can see what policy makers can't, can go much deeper in the topic with an unbiased perspective.

The European startup landscape is very diverse. Many of its key are currently undergoing an massive change and by understanding what are the elements that helped the transformative edge to happen, and how to accelerate this in the future are very critical inputs that we can build on and strengthen the European global tech position.

Apply for this role

If you are interested in applying for this opportunity, please email the completed [application form](#) and a CV to esrcdtc@admin.cam.ac.uk.

Please note that all applications must be approved by the applicant's PhD supervisor. The application deadline is **September 20 2017**. Results will be announced early October 2017.