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OPPORTUNITY EDUFINANCE 2023 Internship Programme

*Getting more children into better schools
with social finance*



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OPPORTUNITY EDUFINANCE IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE OUR 2023 INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME

WHAT IS THE GLOBAL EDUCATION CRISIS?

Education is a child's greatest tool in ending the generational cycle of poverty. Yet today, **7** out of **10** children around the world are not learning the basic skills they need to build a good future for themselves and their families. This includes 244 million children and youth who never started school or already dropped out, and an additional 361 million who do go to school, but aren't learning.

In 2022, the rate of **learning poverty** – unable to read and understand a simple text by age 10 – in low-income countries was predicted to reach **92%** compared to 14% in high-income countries.

Despite the high rates of spending on education as a proportion of total government spending, there remain high out-of-school rates among school aged children in many countries. At the same time, the non-state school sector's role in delivering education services has been growing. The increase in demand by parents for affordable non-state schools means that there will be an **additional 56 million new seats for children required** in the next five years in low- and middle-income countries. Non-state schools can play an important role in aiding overburdened state education systems in low- and middle-income countries by fulfilling unmet demand.

HOW DOES EDUFINANCE IMPROVE ACCESS TO QUALITY EDUCATION?



ACCESS

EduFinance has developed a holistic model that begins by partnering with **financial institutions** in low- and middle- income countries.

We provide the technical assistance & support financial institutions need to begin lending to school entrepreneurs and families to build more classrooms, add more seats, improve school quality, and ensure families can cover school fees to avoid students being sent home or dropping out.



QUALITY

Through our EduQuality programme we bring together local entrepreneurs of affordable private schools in a self-improving school system (network of school clusters) by collaborating with our financial institution partners lending to these schools. EduQuality offers professional development training for senior school leaders, professionalization of the teacher workforce, and strategic school improvement planning using our Pathways to Excellence tool.



OUR MISSION

Opportunity EduFinance's mission is to get more children into better schools with social finance. We believe that schools with access to capital and training for school leaders and teachers ultimately increases access to an **improved quality of education for students.** Our work is aligned with Sustainable Development Goal 4 – inclusive and equitable quality education for all.

OPPORTUNITY EDUFINANCE IMPACT TO DATE



11M MORE CHILDREN

are accessing a quality education



30 COUNTRIES

benefit from our EduFinance programme



134 FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

have benefitted from our expertise



580,551 LOANS

have provided access to quality education



1,963 SCHOOLS

benefit from our EduQuality programme

2023 INTERNSHIP OVERVIEW

Through our 2023 Internship Programme, Opportunity EduFinance plans to hire a class of interns over the European summer period (June – September).

Interns will be given ringfenced projects to work on, depending on interest, skills and expertise.

Some of our current projects include:

- ▶ Create and publish content for the EduQuality programme (Education background required)
- ▶ Research statistics to update the Affordable Non-State School Sector Report (various backgrounds; research & writing skills)
- ▶ Analyse data on loans, school operations, and school quality; draw insights and publish findings for donors, education stakeholders, and/or EduFinance team
- ▶ Create e-learning content for training of EduFinance loan officers (Finance background required)
- ▶ Collect and write stories of EduFinance clients to be used as a library for donor marketing materials (Journalist writing skills)
- ▶ Desktop deep-dive research on financial institution actors across target markets (Finance background required)



This is a highly competitive programme where we will select the most qualified candidates who meet our current project needs. Every year we receive more applications than we are able to offer places.

While our Internship Programme is open to any interested candidate that would like to apply, we are looking for interns from the following fields.

- ▶ **Graduate** and **undergraduate students** are encouraged to apply.
- ▶ **Applicants who can regularly commute to the London office** may be prioritized.



KEY FIELDS & EXPERTISE

- ▶ Finance or economics
- ▶ Education (particularly in education administration, policy or developing markets)
- ▶ Data Analysis & Modelling
- ▶ International Development
- ▶ SQL skills
- ▶ Video/ Photo Editing and Graphic Design
- ▶ Teaching skills such as phonics
- ▶ Online Course Management



BENEFITS TO INTERNS

- ▶ **Experience** working on ringfenced projects that have impact on getting more children into quality schools across Africa, Asia and Latin America
- ▶ **References** from EduFinance management that can be used for future employment applications
- ▶ **Exposure** to senior EduFinance staff and the broader Opportunity International network through organised Lunch & Learn interactive sessions throughout the internship
- ▶ **Access to work at our Central London office** near Liverpool Street
- ▶ **Stipend** to cover intern travel and lunch, and/or data costs
- ▶ It is possible that some intern roles will convert into **ongoing roles** following the internship or graduation



WHAT EDUFINANCE REQUESTS

- ▶ Minimum **8-week commitment** between June and September 2023. (Internships 8–12 weeks with planned start 5th June)
- ▶ **Willingness and ability to own challenging projects and deliver outcomes** against strict deadlines and budgets
- ▶ Strong **mission alignment**

APPLICATION PROCESS & DEADLINE

- ▶ Complete **online application** (about 5 minutes)
- ▶ Applications will be open from **13 February until 6 March 2023**
- ▶ Interviews will take place in April 2023
- ▶ Visit **edufinance.org/latest/careers-and-internships** to complete application



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