**Future Skills Bursary – Applicant Guidance**

**Who can apply?**

* Students who have **completed** a Sutton Trust programme (online or in-person).
* The bursary is only open to those in their first or second year of undergraduate study.

**What is the application process?**

* Applicants will be shortlisted by Bloomberg and Sutton Trust staff with a maximum of 60 students being taken forward to interview stage.
* Shortlisted applicants will then be invited for a short online interview with Bloomberg taking place between **10th-14th April**, before the final 30 recipients are chosen and informed in mid-May.
* Successful students will then be expected to attend a launch event for the programme – date TBC but this will likely run in mid-June 2023.

**What is the programme?**

* The Future Skills Bursary is a year-long programme consisting of a summer insight week at Bloomberg, a bursary of £3000, and the opportunity to apply for exclusive opportunities with Bloomberg clients e.g. insight days or placements.
* There will be mandatory events hosted by Bloomberg in London, including a summer insight week*.* This will consist of 4 days in the Bloomberg London offices. The placement will include activities and insight into life working at Bloomberg – with some sessions specific to the area of interest you have chosen.
* The bursary is not intended to fund educational fees or standard maintenance costs. It is instead intended to aid the student’s ability to access opportunities that are likely to boost their employability in the future. For example, as the programme itself will provide opportunities for work experience and internships, this funding could be used towards extracurricular opportunities, volunteering projects and/or additional learning.
* We will award grants of £3000 for students in three instalments throughout the programme year.

**When does it close?**

* The deadline for applications is **12pm, Friday 17th March 2023.**
* If you have any questions or issues when applying, please contact alumni@suttontrust.com.
* Candidates will be notified by 6th April to let them know whether they have been shortlisted and invited for their interviews.

**What does the application form involve?**

We will ask for:

* some **personal details** so we can match you up with our existing records
* some information on your current course of study and any languages you speak

The application asks you to explain **why you are interested in the FinTech (financial technology) sector**, which Bloomberg is a part of. You do not need to have lots of experience or understanding of what financial technology is at this stage – the programme is intended to help you understand whether a career in fintech might be for you. If you’d like to find out more about what fintech involves, you can read [this article](https://mitsloan.mit.edu/ideas-made-to-matter/fintech-explained).

We will also ask you to explain why you are interested in the Future Skills Bursary programme in particular.

We will ask you to select an **area of interest**, which will inform how you spend part of the summer insight placement. See below for Bloomberg’s explanations of the different areas of business. We will ask you to give us a bit of context on why you have chosen this area of the business.

**Bloomberg areas of business:**

**Analytics and Sales**

## Analytics

Working in Analytics is about more than providing the best user experience for Bloomberg Terminal clients. We solve complex problems with accurate, real-time responses across all asset classes and client types. Our clients range from new users to industry specialists, so we develop and deliver comprehensive training sessions for suit their needs. We consistently surpass their expectations to develop empowered, more valuable Bloomberg users.

## Sales

Our Sales team strive to maximise growth, usage, and dependency on our offerings by building strong client relationships, understanding their needs, and demonstrating proven expertise in the financial markets. It is crucial we stay one step ahead, pre-empting our clients' needs and presenting them with ground-breaking solutions, before they even know they need them.

## **Global Data**

Bloomberg runs on data, and data drives the market. Our Global Data team acquires and supplies this data to our clients. Teams work collaboratively to collect, analyse, process, and publish the data which is the backbone of our iconic Bloomberg Terminal - the data ultimately feeding and moving the financial markets.

In Global Data, you will apply your problem-solving skills to identify innovative workflow efficiencies, implement technical solutions to enhance our systems, products, and processes, establish links with key players in the financial market by providing exceptional client support, and manage the financial data that feeds the Bloomberg Terminal.

**Computer Engineering**

In London, our engineering teams own the trade processing stack. We manage the creation and life cycle of every trade flowing through our system. We are tackling the problems associated with large distributed systems like latency and scaling, balanced with the need for reliability and accuracy required for a business-critical system. This year, we have multiple projects focused on keeping our clients ahead of the competition - ranging from using linear programming to find the optimal distribution of assets across clients, to consolidating and migrating our current trade creation flows onto our new high-performance infrastructure. Solving problems on this scale is hard so we’re always looking for fresh ideas and new technologies to leverage.