

JOB DESCRIPTION

Role: **Cambridge SupTech Lab Innovation Leaders Intern (or 'Assistant')**

Project: Cambridge SupTech Lab – Innovation Leaders Residency Programme

Expertise: Research, Writing, Data Science, Project Management and/or Fundraising

Start Date: January 2024

Duration: 12 months

Level of effort: 20 – 40 hours per week

Location: Remote/Worldwide

About the Cambridge SupTech Lab

Financial supervision is currently undergoing a profound paradigm shift, marked by a radical cultural evolution and extensive digital transformation. Financial supervisory agencies are undergoing a metamorphosis, transitioning from reactive, inertial, and localized organizations to their next iteration. They are becoming more forward-looking, innovative, agile, and collaborative, effectively equipped to tackle the challenges of the 21st century.

At the Cambridge SupTech Lab, we are driving the acceleration of this transformation by empowering a new generation of public sector managers, supervisors, technical experts, data scientists, and technologists to lead the innovation within their respective agencies. Moreover, we actively contribute to the development of a suptech marketplace that fulfills the financial authorities' demand for cutting-edge, flexible, and ethical solutions through the supply provided by vendors.

To fulfill our mission, we focus on the following key initiatives:

- i. Delivering world-class online leadership and professional education, experiential training, ground-breaking research, market intelligence, new analytical frameworks, and innovative digital tools.
- ii. Mitigating the risks associated with the procurement of cutting-edge suptech applications.
- iii. Providing assistance to financial authorities and vendors in the development, testing, and deployment of these solutions.

- iv. Cultivating a community of Innovation Leaders who are passionate about leveraging data to create innovative, inclusive, and resilient financial sectors that drive socio-economic and environmental sustainability.

Through these efforts, we aim to shape the future of financial supervision by fostering collaboration, knowledge sharing, and the adoption of groundbreaking technologies. Together, we can pave the way for a more efficient, transparent, and sustainable financial ecosystem.

The Lab is an initiative of the Cambridge Centre for Alternative Finance ([CCAF](#)) at the University of Cambridge Judge Business School.

Your role

The "[Innovation Leaders in Residency](#)" programme is an opportunity aimed at catalyzing the development of world-class SupTech experts. The Cambridge SupTech Lab is seeking to spotlight current employees of financial authorities and supporting them to lead change, be ambassadors for the movement, inspire the next generation, and capture value from the network's effects of developing the SupTech expert ecosystem.

As an Innovation Leaders intern, you will be supporting the selected financial supervisors directly in their research, project development and fundraising efforts. This role will help you gain valuable experience in both academic research and the practical application of your skills globally.

This opportunity is remote and open to applicants from any geographical location. Working hours can be adapted flexibly.

Responsibilities

Your main responsibilities may include a combination of:

- conducting original research at the frontier of financial supervision and digital transformation focusing on issue areas such as financial inclusion, consumer protection, or others depending on your and the innovation leaders' core interests
- scoping and summarising of literature (including academic, supervisory, and industry-specific publications)
- Supporting the editing and publishing of articles, blogs and other communications opportunities
- analysing suptech use cases and applications
- participating in data mapping exercises

- supporting the development of digital tools for supervisory authorities
- Support to identify funding opportunities as well as international opportunities to raise the innovation leaders' profiles

Requirements and Qualifications

We are a diverse team, with a wide range of expertise and capabilities. We value a combination of the following qualities, skills and attributes.

- Strong command of the English language
- Master's or PhD coursework with a background preferably in law, finance, economics, social sciences, data science, computer science or engineering
- Experience conducting desk research, content analysis, data curation, user experience, and / or stakeholder management
- Prior experience in FinTech, financial services regulation / supervision, data science, technology or project management
- Interest and experience in one or more of the following topics: artificial intelligence, cyber-security, anti-money laundering, financial inclusion, consumer protection or ESG
- Ability to organise ideas logically and effectively, while clearly communicating those that are interesting and important to specific underlying research-related topics
- Driven and committed, demonstrating initiative, self-motivation, and eagerness to familiarise oneself with new concepts
- Excellent time management skills with a commitment to deliver and comfort being held accountable
- Ability to work independently, as well as being part of an interdisciplinary team in a collaborative environment

Desirable:

- Direct experience working with/for a financial regulator, central bank, or other relevant supervisory authority
- Prior experience fundraising and / or grant writing
- Statistical skills, including modelling and data analysis

Candidates need to succeed in technical skills, but also need to embody soft skills to achieve long-term success at Cambridge SupTech Lab:

- Emotional intelligence, communication, and empathy: How is your ability to collaborate effectively with others and work in teams, build relationships, share ideas, and manage conflict?

- Creativity and problem-solving skills: Are you an analytical and critical thinker? Can you find creative solutions to problems?
- Adaptability and flexibility: Our working environment and culture requires you to be agile and adaptable to succeed in this role. Are these your qualities?

What we offer

- a job and a team with a purpose.
- will gain practical capacity building and educational development and delivery experience and insights into the inner workings of a leading innovation lab.
- will have a real impact, contributing to shaping more resilient, inclusive, and sustainable financial sectors.
- may be offered financial reimbursement for expenses (relative to your personal circumstances up to £800/month in case of full-time commitment and £400/month for part-time)
- will work with world-leading experts, and have access to the knowledge sharing sessions with peers and experts from the Cambridge Center for Alternative Finance (CCAF)
- will receive a certificate upon successful completion of the internship programme to accelerate your career in digital assets by enhancing your CV.
- Significant professional growth potential.
- Flexible work schedule.

Application Timelines

- Applications accepted: 1 – 30 November
- Interviews & decision: December 2023
- Starts: January 2024
- Ends: December 2024

Ready to apply?

If you believe you'd be a good fit, we'd love to hear from you!

Please provide your contact information, an updated version of your CV and any other supporting documentation through this [application form](#).