



## YEF open call for Evidence and Evaluation Associates

The Youth Endowment Fund (YEF) is seeking to recruit Associates with skills and knowledge directly relevant to its evaluation and evidence work and is inviting applications to join its Associate pool.

Please note this is a new call to recruit new associates – existing associates need not reapply.

Over the next couple of years, the work by evaluation Associates is likely to include:

1. Assessing the quality of evidence underpinning applications to the fund
2. Designing and commissioning evaluations including:
  - a. Feasibility studies
  - b. Pilot studies
  - c. Efficacy and effectiveness studies (both RCTs and QEDs)
  - d. Evaluations of place-based activity
3. Holding set-up meetings between evaluators and projects and acting as an ambassador for YEF and YEF's approach to evaluation
4. Ensuring that evaluations are designed and implemented according to YEF's detailed Evaluation Guidance
5. Quality assuring evaluation reports ensuring that remain consistent and fit YEF's reporting guidance and templates.

We wish to recruit Associates who have:

- Subject matter expertise related to YEF's remit, which could include expertise in:
  - Youth crime and justice
  - Developmental psychology
  - Prevention science Implementation science
  - Children's services
  - Race equity in evaluation work
  - Expertise in evaluation design and statistics



- Experience in designing evaluations, either as a research provider or as a commissioner

We especially welcome applications from Associates with experience of commissioning evaluations in a What Works Centre, government or related sector.

Please note that YEF is unlikely to accept applications from individuals from institutions on YEF's Evaluator Panel as this represents a potential conflict of interest.

### **Expectations and interaction with YEF**

YEF Associates can be either freelance consultants or volunteers released by their employer to develop their skills and experience.

All YEF Associate roles are part-time, on an as-and-when basis. Much of the work can be delivered remotely, although some roles may involve in person meetings when appropriate to do so.

For Evaluation Associates there is a mandatory half day training session before Associates can be assigned roles. Associates should also plan a half day to read YEF's Evaluation Guidance.

Being part of the Associates Pool is no guarantee of work, instead the Associates Pool will act as a preferred supplier list who will be eligible to work with YEF as an Associate as and when opportunities arise. When an opportunity arises YEF will contact the Associates Pool and invite expressions of interest to carry out a discrete piece of work. Each discrete piece of work will be contracted separately.



### Registering interest and next steps

You can register an interest by sending a CV and a short cover letter stating how you might apply your skills and knowledge to support YEF's evidence and evaluation work to [evaluation@youthendowmentfund.org.uk](mailto:evaluation@youthendowmentfund.org.uk).

The cover letter should also include:

- Whether you are looking for a paid or voluntary role.
- Proposed daily rate

This open call for Associates will close on 12th September 2022.

We will consider applications as they are submitted.

If you would like to discuss this opportunity further please email Daniel Acquah, Assistant Director of Evaluation, [Daniel.Acquah@youthendowmentfund.org.uk](mailto:Daniel.Acquah@youthendowmentfund.org.uk) .