

NATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE COMMISSION

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS PANEL

The National Infrastructure Commission was set up in October 2015 to provide unbiased, independent and evidence-based advice on the UK's long-term infrastructure needs and how these can best be met. Our chair is the former Transport Secretary, Lord Adonis, and our Commissioners include leading figures from the fields of technology, engineering, design, economics and finance. We aim to be the most credible, forward-thinking and influential voice in the infrastructure debate.

At the core of our work programme is a wide-ranging National Infrastructure Assessment (NIA), carried out once every five years and looking across all of the major infrastructure sectors. Alongside this, we have a rolling programme of detailed studies into the big infrastructure challenges, and we have published reports so far on subjects ranging from 5G telecoms to the transport needs of the north of England. More information can be found on our website at www.nic.org.uk and on Twitter at [@NatInfraCom](https://twitter.com/NatInfraCom).

To broaden our engagement with those engaged in tackling the UK's infrastructure challenges, and to stimulate innovation and creativity in our work, we intend to set up a 'young professionals' panel in early 2018. This will bring together talented individuals at an early stage in their careers across all the sectors and professions relevant to our remit, from transport planners, regulators and civil engineers to designers, architects and technologists.

The aim for this group is to make sure that we are not only talking to and learning from established experts, but also to those who may bring fresh perspectives and new ideas. We don't just want the 'usual suspects', but rather a panel which is drawn from across the country and which reflects not only the wide range of professional disciplines which have a role to play in infrastructure development but also the diversity of the UK's population.

We expect the panel to have between 15 and 20 members. It will meet formally twice a year, alongside which it will be able to set its own work programme in discussion with the NIC chair. This might include acting as an informal 'challenge panel' for the Commission, participating in or leading NIC events (including online), writing blogs or other material for the NIC website, or providing advice, research or ideas on specific infrastructure issues.

How to Apply

If you would like to apply to be a member of the NIC's Young Professionals Panel, please send an email to youngprofessionals@nic.gsi.gov.uk by **Friday 5 January 2018** setting out the ideas, interests and expertise you would bring to the NIC, and attaching a short article (up to 500 words) on what the UK's most important 21st century infrastructure project will be and why.

You should have at least two and no more than ten years' professional experience in a field related to infrastructure, although we are not going to define what that means in advance – it's up to you to make the case. That means we are not looking for applications from undergraduate or postgraduate students. You don't need a degree to apply, however, as you might equally have

gained your experience through an apprenticeship or another route. You also don't need to be working in a recognised 'profession' – we are as just interested in applications from software engineers as chartered civil engineers.

The NIC is committed to promoting diversity through its work. As such, we would strongly welcome applications from female, LGBT and disabled candidates, as well as those from minority ethnic groups and from diverse socio-economic backgrounds. We would also encourage applications from all regions of the country, including Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

Members will be appointed for a period of two years and paid a daily rate of £250 for their participation on the panel. Travel and other reasonable expenses will also be reimbursed.