



UNITED NATIONS CHILDREN'S FUND JPO Request Form



Training and Learning Plan

- ✓ Participation in a one-week JPO Induction Programme in New York;
- ✓ Guidance and advice in relation to training opportunities within the field of expertise;
- ✓ Use of yearly JPO training funds for internal/external training opportunities;
- ✓ Participation in the Mentoring, Coaching, and Career Counselling and Career transition programmes;
- ✓ Encourage field mission and/or stretch assignment during and after the 2nd year

In addition, the JPO will benefit from the following specific learning opportunities in the receiving office:

- ✓ **Understanding Giga's Core Work:** Comprehensive exposure to Giga's efforts to connect schools globally, including advocacy, technical assistance, demand aggregation, contracting support, and market-shaping activities. The JPO will have opportunities to engage with cutting-edge technology, such as AI, satellite imagery, and blockchain, for real-time monitoring of connectivity.
- ✓ **Cross-Regional Experience:** Opportunities to travel to Giga's programme countries and the Barcelona Technology Centre to support implementation, establish partnerships, and develop scalable solutions tailored to country needs.
- ✓ **Career Prospects and Retention:** Based on performance, there is potential for continued involvement in Giga's strategic initiatives, supporting global and country-level connectivity efforts. Retention may be possible within Giga or broader UNICEF roles, leveraging the JPO's experience in digital connectivity and innovation.
- ✓ **Structured Training and Capacity Building:** The JPO will have the chance to participate in a range of training programmes, including innovation methodologies, design thinking, project management, and digital tools training. The JPO will also have access to global and regional conferences, events,

and workshops on digital connectivity and related topics, fostering knowledge exchange with peers, partners, and experts within the UNICEF Innovation ecosystem.

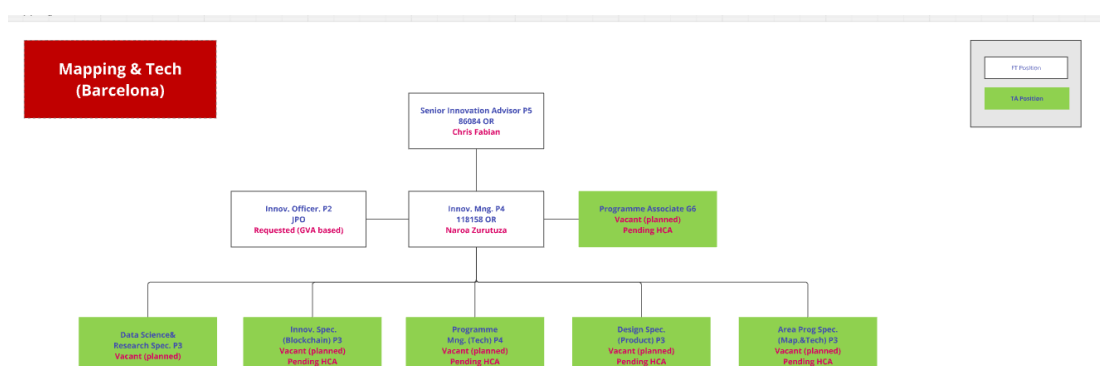
The JPO will be under the direct supervision of an Innovation Manager (P-4 level), who has experience in project management and strategic innovation within a global, multidisciplinary team. The supervisor will offer guidance, enabling the JPO to grow both technically and strategically in the field of digital connectivity.

Information and living condition of Duty station: [For Filed Office locations only]	
General Information	<p>Strategically positioned at the southwestern tip of Lake Geneva, known locally as Lac Léman, in the canton of Geneva, Switzerland. The city is nestled between the Alps and the Jura mountains, offering spectacular natural landscapes and serving as a gateway to outdoor adventures.</p> <p>The city is located at the point where the Rhône River continues its journey out of Lake Geneva, which is one of the largest lakes in Western Europe. The lake is a central feature of the city's geography, providing Geneva with its famous waterfront and influencing the local climate.</p> <p>To the south and east, the French Alps dominate the horizon, providing stunning backdrops and extensive opportunities for winter sports, hiking, and sightseeing. To the northwest, the Jura mountains offer additional recreational activities, including hiking, biking, and cross-country skiing.</p> <p>Geneva is bordered by France on three sides, with the city just kilometers away from the French towns of Ferney-Voltaire and Annemasse. This proximity to France facilitates cross-border commuting for many residents and enhances the city's multicultural environment.</p>
Security	<p>Switzerland is a safe destination, for both professional and personal travel. By exercising good common sense and practicing basic security awareness, travellers can easily avoid most incidents. French, German and Italian are office. UNDSS classified Geneva as level 1 (minimal) security level. More info</p>
Housing	<p>In Switzerland, the rental market is mainly administered by special real estate agencies called Régies. Occasionally, owners rent their apartments directly. You can find the links of the Régies on the CAGI website as well as in the <i>Induction kit</i>.</p> <p>Upon submission of the CDL application, we can support you with your accommodation search by issuing an attestation certifying your assignment in Geneva, net monthly amount of your salary, and that you will be issued a CDL.</p> <p>To apply for an apartment with a Régie, the following documents will be required:</p> <p>§ “Extrait du Registre des Poursuites” confirming that an apartment applicant is not in a legal debt collection procedure. This can be requested online – French: https://www.ge.ch/poursuites/demander-extrait-du-registre-poursuites; English: https://www.post.ch/en/customer-center/online-services/bureau/info;</p> <p>§ Personal Liability insurance (RC) – you can use www.comparis.ch and go under Insurance/content and private liability insurance section for estimates;</p> <p>§ Three most recent salary slips – since you will not have Geneva pay slips yet, we can issue an attestation based on the estimate from the UNDP salary calculator.</p> <p>For non-Swiss IP staff coming for the first time to Geneva we recommend to watch a 6-minute video on housing in CAGI site which summaries perfectly well the entire process, including the information on the diplomatic clause: https://vimeo.com/385192806</p> <p>Here is a link to the UNDP rental subsidy calculator to check if you are eligible for it. Meanwhile, please refer to UNICEF procedure on rental subsidies and deductions.</p>

Schools & Childcare	All the key information about the 18 International Schools in Geneva, Switzerland: Extracurricular activities, if teachers are native, class sizes, fees, school bus availability, etc. can be accessed here .
Work for spouses & partners	If JPO resides in Switzerland and their spouse/partner is recognized by UNICEF then such spouse/partner can have access to the local swiss labor market (UNICEF will facilitate). However, work opportunities are limited.

Reporting line of the JPO

The JPO Innovation Officer will report to Innovation Manager and will work very closely with the Barcelona Tech Centre in the planning and knowledge management functions of the section.



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SPECIFIC JOB PROFILE

I. Post Information

Job Title: JPO Innovation Officer
Supervisor Title/ Level: Innovation Manager P-4
Organizational Unit: Office of Innovation
Post Location: Geneva

Job Level: P- 2
Job Profile No.:
Job Classification Level:

II. Strategic Office Context and purpose for the job

Giga is a global UNICEF and ITU initiative to connect every school to the internet. Its primary objectives are to increase access to information, improve educational opportunities, and promote digital inclusion, particularly for the most vulnerable children. It also serves as a platform to create the infrastructure necessary to provide digital connectivity to an entire country, for every community, and for every citizen. (www.giga.global).

Giga is a landmark connectivity initiative of the UN system, named in the Secretary General's Roadmap for Digital Cooperation. The movement to connect all schools across the globe to the Internet was acknowledged in the Secretary General's "Our Common Agenda" (2021) and gained momentum under the Transforming Education Summit, held in 2022.

Connectivity is a new area for UNICEF. Global disruptions, of which Covid-19 is just one example, prompted the delivery of essential services through digital tools. Therefore, the attention given to connectivity initiatives is expected to grow.

Giga is a capstone project for UNICEF and ITU. Both founding partners have invested human and financial resources in the Giga team which takes the best of the startup culture and applies it within the UN system. As a global, multidisciplinary team, Giga relies on hybrid working arrangements.

This setup allows the team to attract the best talent and increase efficiencies. Giga fosters close relations with UNICEF Country Offices, who are indispensable for building partnerships, advocacy and deployment of connectivity solutions.

Giga works in three main ways, aligned with UNICEF's core country programming. We create advocacy for connectivity – both at a country level as well as globally, we provide technical assistance to governments with tools for aggregating demand and monitoring provision of connectivity. We support contracting efforts through RFI/RFP templates as well global marketshaping activities.

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Giga is active in 19 countries and has connected over 5,600 schools in Sub-Saharan Africa, Central Asia, and Latin America & the Caribbean, providing online access to over two million students and teachers. Key activities in these countries include using AI and satellite imagery to map school locations, using blockchain technology to monitor real-time connectivity status, using infrastructure and policy data to inform connectivity choices, and bringing all these elements together to design sustainable business models for connecting schools.

With the support of the Government of Switzerland, Giga is establishing its global headquarters in Geneva and entering an exciting new phase in its development. A core focus of the headquarters team will be to build relationships with Swiss donors, investors, private sector, universities, and international organisations to grow the partnership network, raise additional operating capital and enhance Giga's operational capacity. The Giga

team is looking for a Junior Professional Officer to support these activities. Headquarters activities will be supplemented by travel to Giga programme countries, or visits to the Barcelona Giga Technology centre

Purpose for the job:

Under the direct supervision of the Innovation Manager, The Innovation Officer (JPO) will be responsible for project management, portfolio planning and research/analysis for strategic innovation initiatives and solutions across portfolios, innovation capacity building and cross-portfolio collaborations covering problem definition, landscaping, design, sourcing & selection, impact delivery and scaling support with countries, regions, and relevant partners.

III. Key functions, accountabilities and related duties/tasks:

Under direct supervisor of the Innovation Manager the JPO will be responsible for the following key functions/accountabilities: The Innovation Officer will provide support to all Giga headquarters activities. Specific responsibilities will include:

1. Together with Tech teams, identify, and scope solutions and strategic initiatives for innovation which can benefit from structured project management and implementation.
2. Institutionalize project management best practices for innovation solutions and strategic initiatives from initiation, definition of needs, launch, execution, and performance monitoring in specific areas not limited to portfolios, innovation capacity building and cross-portfolio collaboration.
3. For identified solutions and strategic initiatives, works with relevant teams and divisions to ensure the necessary efforts and projects are initiated for implementation and scale.
4. Contribute to portfolio deliverables and governance for these key strategic work areas ensuring smooth cross-divisional, regional, and country collaborations.
5. Manage portfolio planning to support the development and scale up of innovation projects including cross-portfolio collaborations.
6. Provide recommendation to scale specific solutions in countries.
7. Facilitate the design and conceptualization of key innovation projects and portfolio discipline, aligning and integrating within country programme needs and opportunities.
8. Scope and outline strategies to move solutions along the innovation funnel till scale phase with focus on country scaling support.
9. Support in developing the portfolio partnerships, thought leadership and communications, leveraging innovation to improve the lives of the most disadvantaged children.
10. Prepare deployment and progress reports, coordinate innovation project meetings and workshops.
11. Coordinate assessment, research, analysis and synthesis for portfolio-related solutions, initiatives, and projects.
12. Any other duties or assignments as requested by the supervisor.

IV. Impact of Results

The JPO will be instrumental in project management, portfolio planning and research/analysis for strategic innovation initiatives and solutions across portfolios, innovation capacity building and cross-portfolio collaborations covering problem definition, landscaping, design, sourcing & selection, impact delivery and scaling support with countries, regions, and relevant partners.

V. Competencies and level of proficiency required

Core Values attributes

- Care
- Respect
- Integrity
- Trust
- Accountability

Core competencies skills

- Demonstrates Self Awareness and Ethical Awareness (1)
- Works Collaboratively with others (1)
- Builds and Maintains Partnerships (1)
- Innovates and Embraces Change (1)
- Thinks and Acts Strategically (1)
- Drive to achieve impactful results (1)
- Manages ambiguity and complexity (1)

VI. Recruitment Qualifications

Education:	A university degree in one of the following fields is required: International development, management, administration, social sciences or a related discipline.
Experience:	Experience required: A minimum of two years of professional experience in one or more of the following areas is required: project management, strategy development, human-centred design or related fields. Experience working in international development or with UN agencies is desirable. Relevant experience in a UN system agency or organization is considered as an asset.
Language Requirements:	Fluency in English is required. Knowledge of another official UN language or local language of the duty station is considered as an asset.