CUSP London Associate 2019-2020
CUSP London, King’s College London

CUSP: Scholarship with Impact
The Centre for Urban Science and Progress (CUSP) London based at King’s College London welcomes an interdisciplinary and diverse community of academics and practitioners to join us as Associates (i.e., collaborators based in/near London contributing to the CUSP ecosystem one day a month). Associates are for one year (typically, from May to April) and seek to create a vibrant community. The associate program brings together a diverse group of people who will learn from one another, and collaborate in unexpected ways.

CUSP London
CUSP London’s aim is to bring together researchers, businesses, local authorities and government agencies to apply urban science to improving citizen’s lives, including their health and wellbeing. To learn more, please visit the websites of affiliated academics such as Daniele Quercia (goodcitylife.org | researchswinger.org) and Jon Reades (reades.com) and, more generally, the Center’s site https://cusplondon.ac.uk.

Who becomes an Associate
We invite applications from people working on a broad range of opportunities and challenges related to future cities, which may overlap with ongoing work at CUSP London. We encourage applications from scholars, practitioners, innovators, engineers, artists, and others committed to understanding and advancing future cities.

Qualifications: Keeping CUSP London ‘weird’
Associates come from different life paths. Some are academics (e.g., students, post-docs, professors). Others come from outside academia, and are technologists, entrepreneurs, lawyers, artists, policymakers, activists, journalists, educators, or other types of practitioners. To support the strategic objective of “keeping CUSP London weird”, special consideration is given to individuals whose interests might have difficulty finding a home in more traditional academic environments.

Logistical considerations
To build community and enable the type of serendipity that comes with physical co-location, spending time together in person is essential. As such, associates are expected to conduct much of their work from the London area. Associates are encouraged to come to regular lunchtime talks (with guest speakers) followed by the one-hour Associates Hour, and to hang out together at any time. Associates are also encouraged to create interest groups (e.g., book clubs, interdisciplinary cooperation groups) within the Center. Associates are supported in their effort to host small meetings and are welcome to use our spaces for collaboration.

Stipends
Associates receive no direct funding through CUSP London as part of their appointment. Associates often have other jobs or appointments during their tenures, while being committed to actively participating in CUSP London activities.

Apply
Applications will be accepted until April 19, 2019. Please download and complete the application form which asks for the following information:

- the questions you want to explore through the Associate tenure;
- a short biography.

Please email your completed application form and current CV to cusp-london@kcl.ac.uk (subject line “Associate 2019”). If you have any question, we suggest you get in touch with daniele.quercia@kcl.ac.uk.

How are Associates elected?
Elections are made by a panel of senior academics and business professionals. Decisions are made shortly after the deadline date. CUSP London strives for a balance across multiple factors, always thinking about the applicants’ effect on the community – it selects not just individuals but a community.