



Job Description

Economists - Economics department(13901)

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The [Economics Department](#) (ECO) aims at enhancing economic performance in Member and non-Member countries through sound and innovative policy advice with a view to seeking an inclusive and durable increase in living standards. It deals with a wide array of policy areas combining macro-economic management, with a strong emphasis on structural policy issues to address policy objectives covering material well-being, social concerns and green aspirations. Its policy advice is derived from a variety of sources such as country surveillance, cross-country benchmarking and evidence derived from empirical research. Much of the Department's policy analysis and advice is provided as input to committee-based peer review and multilateral surveillance processes and contributes to the overall OECD mission. The Economics Department interacts with several other OECD directorates working in specific policy fields.

ECO currently employs approximately 170 staff members who support work across a broad range of economic policy areas to ensure impact of the OECD economic policy work in the international governance architecture. The Department interacts closely with other OECD Directorates, as well as with academic, civil, and business organisations.

The Economics Department is launching a recruitment campaign for Economists to identify candidates for ongoing needs in the Department. Several positions will be opened with a focus varying from structural and macroeconomic projects of a cross-country nature to country analysis. The work entails economic and econometric analyses and drafting papers on diverse policy issues arising in fields covered by the Economics Department. The selected candidate will work under the supervision of a Head of Division and/or a Senior Economist. S/he will be expected to interact with a broad array of stakeholders, including governments, non-governmental organisations, other international organisations and academics and of course other OECD Directorates.

Main Responsibilities

Analysis, forecasting and drafting

- Carry out cross-country or single-country economic and econometric analyses of issues of current policy relevance. The topics covered will vary through time according to the Department's Programme of Work, and will include both structural and macro-economic issues, in the short or medium term, related to OECD Member countries and some non-Member economies.
- Contribute to the semi-annual forecasting round of the Department. Participate in the development and maintenance of the analytical apparatus of the Department by identifying areas in which empirical work is necessary. Contribute to the work done elsewhere in the Department in the relevant areas.
- Draft reports and articles on economic developments and policy issues for inclusion in the Department's documentation (Working Papers, Economic Surveys, Economic Outlook, Going for Growth, Policy notes, Economic Studies and Monographs) and for briefing senior officials. Prepare draft press releases on specific subjects, as required.
- Work collaboratively with statisticians and/or trainees, providing them with guidance as needed.

Liaison, Dissemination and Representation

- Foster collaboration among the relevant policy communities both within and external to the Economics Department. Seek new synergies with other Directorates of the OECD and represent the Department at inter-Directorate level meetings, when required.
- Maintain contacts with officials in national administrations, other international organisations and country Delegations.
- Keep informed of economic policy developments in Member countries and some non-Member economies, of latest research on econometric techniques and on developments in the academic literature.
- Participate in missions to Member countries and some non-Member economies, as required, including to conferences. Disseminate working papers and OECD work to a wide array of audiences.

Ideal Candidate Profile

Academic Background

- An advanced university degree (Masters, PhD), in economics or econometrics or related field.

Professional Background

- At least three years' experience in applied economic research and policy analysis, preferably acquired in an international organisation, government ministry, academia, relevant private sector organisations, NGO, think tanks or similar.
- Strong knowledge of micro and macro-economic theory and policy.
- Excellent econometric skills and familiarity with economic models, experience in data science an advantage.
- Proven experience in carrying out technical research.
- A good publication record would be an asset.

Languages

- Fluency in one of the two OECD official languages (English and French) and knowledge of the other, with a commitment to reach a good working level.
- Knowledge of other languages would be an asset.

Core Competencies

- For this role, the following competencies would be particularly important: Analytical thinking, Drafting skills, Flexible thinking, Teamwork, Diplomatic sensitivity.

Please refer to the level 3 indicators of the [OECD Core Competencies](#).

Contract Duration

One to three years fixed term appointments, renewable.

Selection process

Candidates selected for the next round of the process should expect to be available for a written test towards the end of November, with a first round of interviews to be held before the end of the year. A potential second round of interviews may follow in early 2021.

What the OECD offers

- Depending on level of experience, monthly salary starts at either 6,130 EUR or 7,563 EUR, plus allowances based on eligibility, exempt of French income tax.

The successful candidates will be placed in a pool of candidates and will be considered for employment for a period of up to two years.

Please note, the appointment may be made at a lower grade based on the qualifications and professional experience of the selected applicant.

The OECD is an equal opportunity employer and welcomes the applications of all qualified candidates who are nationals of [OECD member countries](#), irrespective of their racial or ethnic origin, opinions or beliefs, gender, sexual orientation, health or disabilities.

The OECD promotes an optimal use of resources in order to improve its efficiency and effectiveness. Staff members are encouraged to actively contribute to this goal