Research Internship

in the Economic Analysis unit at the
OECD Centre for Entrepreneurship, SMEs, Regions and Cities

Application deadline: 10 July 2022

We are looking for highly qualified and motivated students with strong quantitative background for a research-oriented internship. If you are looking to apply your quantitative and analytical skills in a policy context and have an interest in better understanding what supports SMEs, entrepreneurship, regional, urban, rural and local development, we might have the right opportunity for you.

You will join the team working on economic analysis within the OECD Centre for Entrepreneurship, SMEs, Regions and Cities. Current projects cover a range of topics from transport and infrastructure, to innovation and its diffusion, the local impact of foreign direct investments, skills demand and labour markets, regional productivity and wellbeing, dynamics of scaling up of SMEs and entrepreneurship.

We are currently recruiting interns for late 2022 but other timing (earlier or later) can be agreed on a case-by-case basis.

Who can apply?

The Internship is open for students are open for students who:

- Are **OECD member country** nationals

- Are enrolled in a full-time graduate degree programme (Master or PhD) for the **entire duration of the internship** in economics, quantitative geography, or related fields (PhD level is strongly preferred);

- Are available for a **minimum period of three months** (a four- to six-month duration is preferred);

- Have an **excellent command of English** and good drafting and communication skills;

- Possess **solid quantitative research skills** and have some familiarity with statistical and econometric analytical tools such as Stata, R, or Python;

- Enjoy working in **multicultural and international** team environment.

What do interns do?

Interns work on OECD projects jointly with a team of experienced economists and policy analysts, who are committed to ensure that the internship is a highly formative experience. The internship is not designed to advance interns' own research agenda while at the OECD. Examples of work entrusted to interns include:

- Collecting, organising and analysing data, including with advanced econometrics tools;

- Contributing to the production of working papers, OECD publications, technical annexes, and other related documents;

- Carrying out critical literature reviews;

- Participating in meetings and seminars.

Contract duration, workplace and contribution to living expenses

The duration of the internship is typically for a period of three to six months (renewable up to twelve months) on a full-time basis (40 hours/week). Given the current health crisis your internship will start

remotely. Once the situation allows, your posting can be either in our headquarters in Paris (France) or our Centre in Trento (Italy) taking your preferences into account. The OECD provides no salary for interns, but you will receive a contribution to living expenses of about EUR 700 per calendar month worked.

How can I apply?

- Please send an email by the **10 of July 2022** attaching a CV and an example of recent academic work in English, preferably not co-authored, (e.g. a term paper or a chapter of your PhD thesis), to CFE-EDS.Internship@oecd.org. The object of the email should contain the following code: CTY-BEG-DEG, where CTY is the 3-letter ISO code of your country of nationality, BEG is a 3-letter abbreviation of the earliest starting month in which you are available for the internship, and DEG is the degree you are current enrolled in (PHD or MSC). E.g., if you are a Dutch master student who is available from August, your code is NLD-AUG-MSC.
- Shortlisted candidates will be asked to apply to the OECD internship programme through the OECD Taleo system.

The selection process

- Shortlisted candidates will be invited to take a written test, administered remotely, to assess their drafting skills and their ability to elaborate on simple economic and policy issues related to the work of the Unit. Candidates may also be asked to submit a quantitative test to assess their coding skills in Stata, R, or Python. The final step of the recruitment process with consist in a video-interview with a few members of the Unit.
- Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted. The shortlisting will take approximatively four to six weeks, depending on the number of candidates.