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Vacancy Notice No.: EXT/F/16-70

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Title: Research Economist

Application Deadline (CET): 10 November 2016

Grade: 6

Division: Economic Research and Statistics
(380)

Contract Type: Fixed-term

Starting Salary: CHF 83,548 net per annum

Duration: Two years with the possibility of extension

Other Conditions: In accordance with WTO Staff Regulations and Staff Rules and WTO Pension Plan Regulations. The World Trade Organization offers an attractive compensation package including an annual net salary (subject to mandatory deductions for pension contributions and health insurance), dependency benefits, pension plan, health insurance scheme, separation grant, and 30 days annual leave. Benefits for internationally recruited staff may include travel and removal expenses on appointment and separation, installation grant, education grant, rental subsidy, and home leave. Additional information on the compensation package is provided on the WTO website:
http://www.wto.org/english/thewto_e/vacan_e/comp_package_e.pdf.

The Secretariat of the WTO is seeking to fill the position of Research Economist in the Economic Research and Statistics Division.

General Functions

Under the supervision of the Director of the Economic and Statistics Division, the incumbent will contribute to the trade-related economic research and analysis at the WTO. Key responsibilities include the following:

1. Preparing economic and trade policy analysis, including contributions to the World Trade Report, specific research projects and other divisional activities.
2. Providing technical information, upon request, to other parts of the Secretariat, including policy briefings, dispute settlement support and committee-related work.
3. Contributing to the Division's expertise in specific trade areas, particularly in economic modelling and simulation, through individual research projects and by staying abreast of relevant research in the field.
4. Undertaking WTO technical assistance and training in the area of trade policy and related subjects, as well as helping to develop the WTO's training material.

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS

Education:

A PhD or advanced degree in economics or related subjects is required.

Knowledge and Skills:

Excellent knowledge of international trade economics, economic modelling and simulation, as well as familiarity with the WTO system and its agreements.

Experience in building, maintaining and extending multisectoral static and dynamic economic models.

Proficient in programming in GAMS (General Algebraic Modeling System) and/or GEMPACK (General Equilibrium Modelling Package).

Demonstrated ability to work with and modify existing databases, such as the Global Trade Analysis Project (GTAP) database, used as inputs for economic modelling.

Excellent drafting and presentation skills.

The following interpersonal capabilities are required: relate to and build relationships with colleagues; communicate information in a clear way and understand information; persuade others to a point of view using facts; present technical information to knowledgeable specialised audiences; face and cope with conflict situations with colleagues; and work as a member of a team, relating to others, while working independently to achieve his/her objectives.

Work Experience:

Minimum 2 years' relevant experience in economic modelling and simulation, which may include experience gained in an academic institution.

Languages:

An excellent command of English, both oral and written, is required. A good working knowledge of French or Spanish would be an asset.

Additional Information:

Only applications from nationals of WTO Members will be accepted.

The WTO may use various communication technologies such as video or teleconference for the assessment and evaluation of candidates. The recruitment process may also involve the use of various forms of testing, assessment centres, interviews and reference checks.

Candidates not selected whose performance in the selection process nevertheless shows them to be suitable for a similar position may be kept on a roster for up to 18 months, and may subsequently be called upon as and when the need arises for additional resources.

APPLICANTS MAY BE REQUIRED TO SIT A WRITTEN EXAMINATION

APPLICANTS WILL BE CONTACTED DIRECTLY IF SELECTED FOR AN INTERVIEW

Please note that all candidates must complete an on-line application form.
To apply, please visit WTO's e-Recruitment website at: <https://erecruitment.wto.org>.
The system provides instructions for online application procedures.

All applicants are encouraged to apply online as soon as possible after the vacancy has been posted and well before the closing date – Central European Time (CET) – stated in the vacancy announcement.

Applications received after the closing date will not be accepted.

The WTO is a non-smoking environment.