



Junior Professional Officer Program (JPO) Chiffre Nr. 2023-1-34

GENERAL INFORMATION

Title: Junior Professional Officer (JPO)

Agency: World Bank Group

Division/VPU: Macroeconomics, Trade and Investment, Latin America and the Caribbean (ELCMU)

Country and Duty Station: Washington DC, USA

Duration: 2 years with possibility of extension for another year. The extension of appointment is subject to yearly review concerning priorities, availability of funds, and satisfactory performance.

Please note that for participants of the JPO-Programme three years work experience are mandatory when applying for the World Bank. Relevant work experience can be counted. In order to assess the eligibility of the candidates, we review the relevant experience acquired after obtaining the first university degree (usually bachelor's degree).

BACKGROUND

THE ROLE OF THE GLOBAL PRACTICE FOR MACROECONOMICS, TRADE and INVESTMENT (MTI) IN THE WBG

The Macroeconomics, Trade and Investment (MTI) Global Practice is comprised of some 450 staff, with almost half working in country offices around the world. MTI houses the Bank's country economists together with trade economists and specialists, debt and macro modeling experts, and fiscal experts. MTI offers integrated solutions to macroeconomic and structural reform programs. In doing so, MTI staff work closely with other Global Practices (GP).

MTI staff help to shape and lead knowledge and learning related activities across a range of thematic areas, including but not limited to: (a) macroeconomics; (b) fiscal policy; (c) growth; (d) economic management in resource rich environments; (e) macroeconomic modelling & statistics; (f) trade and regional integration.

THE LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN REGION (LCR)

The World Bank Group serves 30 client countries in the Latin America and the Caribbean Region (LCR). Clients range from large rapidly growing sophisticated middle-income clients

to International Development Association (IDA) borrowing countries as well as small Caribbean states and one fragile state. Despite immense resources, dynamic societies, and an average annual per capita income of about US\$4,000, deep inequalities persist in most LCR countries, with nearly a quarter of the Region's people living in poverty. The Bank's strategy in LCR is focused on three pillars: promoting inclusive growth, investing in human capital, and building resilience. This includes encouraging better governance and economic integration and leveraging the private finance necessary to address the region's pressing development needs.

The regional context has become even more complex in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic, which will require fast and effective policy response from LAC countries. The Bank – and MTI in particular – will play an important role in supporting the countries in the region to face this unexpected and massive shock.

We are seeking one highly qualified candidate for the position of Junior Professional Officer (JPO) with detailed knowledge of macroeconomics or fiscal policies with an application to climate change to work in Macroeconomic, Trade and Investment (MTI) Unit in Latin America and the Caribbean. The position is based in Washington D.C., USA. The JPO will work in close cooperation with other members of the MTI team working, under the supervision of the Practice Manager for Latin America and the Caribbean.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The assignment requires one JPO with a background and interest in the economics of climate change and with a strong technical background in either macroeconomic modeling or fiscal policy, ideally with an application to climate change mitigation and adaptation. The duties will consist of working on the integration of climate policy into the unit's wider macroeconomic and fiscal management analytical and operational work. In this context, the JPO would contribute to the development of analytical work, technical assistance and the integration of climate aspects into operations. This work may include contributions to a range of analytical and advisory products including Economic Reports, Country Economic Memoranda, Fiscal and Debt Sustainability Assessments, Systematic Country Diagnostics, Public Expenditure Reviews, as well as technical assistance and Development Policy Operations.

Note:

The selected candidate will not be assigned to programs involving his/her own government such as donor coordination and trust fund management.

SELECTION CRITERIA

- Minimum: **Master's Degree** in an economic discipline, with at least 3 years of relevant experience in macro-economic modelling or fiscal policy, ideally with an application to climate change mitigation or adaptation;
- Strong quantitative skills are preferred; proficiency with software like Stata, Microsoft Excel and basic macroeconomic modeling is essential;
- Substantive research or work experience in macroeconomics or fiscal policy with an application to climate change is required. A proven track record of publications is a plus;

- Excellent oral and written communication skills in English is required; strong knowledge of Spanish is a plus;
- Excellent presentation skills and proficiency with PowerPoint or similar software are required; prior experience with blogging and/or social media outreach is a plus;
- Hands-on and action-oriented approach is highly desired, and proven project management experience is a plus;
- Strong interpersonal skills and the capacity to work in teams across organizational boundaries within a multi-cultural environment are required;
- Willingness to travel is required;
- Strong intrinsic motivation to work on climate issues is a plus.

**Bitte senden Sie Ihre JPO-Bewerbung direkt an das Büro
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