Junior Professional Officer Programme (JPO)

General Information:
Post title: JPO - Junior Professional Officer
Division: Office of the Chief Economist, Economics Department
Agency: Organisation for Economic Co-Operation and Development (OECD)
Location: Paris, France
Duration: 2 years with possibility of extension for another year
Please note that 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 two years work experience are mandatory! Relevant, full-time internships can be counted after the Bachelor’s Degree.

The Economics Department brings together more than 160 staff members involved in the production of the OECD Economic Outlook, more than 40 country-based economic surveys, the Going for Growth report that benchmarks structural reforms in member and partner countries, and a broad range of analysis and policy advice. The Office of the Chief Economist and Head of the Economics Department provides a window on a rich and diverse range of macroeconomic and structural questions from a global perspective, including through the G-20 process, and working closely with the Chief Economist and with other directorates to strengthen the OECD’s role in the field of economic policy in order to contribute effectively to achieving the OECD strategic objectives.

The Office of the Chief Economist is looking for a Junior Professional to contribute to the Department’s analysis and communications on strategic outputs, as part of a small team. (S)he will work in close coordination with the country and policy experts of the Economics Department, as well as on cross-cutting issues across OECD Directorates (notably with the Sherpa team in the Office of the Secretary General on G20 and G7 issues) and with other international organisations.
This will include undertaking research projects, preparing materials, presentations and background analysis for the Chief Economist, particularly on the OECD’s flagship Economic Outlook publication and contributing to help develop innovative data visualization and social media strategies. (S)he will also provide statistical analysis and contribute to drafting policy papers for the G20, and engage with officials in G-20 member countries, in support of the global agenda on structural reforms to achieve strong, sustainable and inclusive growth. Moreover, (s)he will assist in preparing briefings for the OECD Secretary General and G-20 Sherpa, ensuring that strategic messages are conveyed, based on additional research when necessary.

**Main Responsibilities**

- Background research and analysis on macroeconomic policy issues
- Preparation of briefing materials and background analysis for the OECD Chief Economist
- Statistical analysis, contribution to innovative policy analysis projects in relation to the Innovation Lab, and contribution to drafting policy papers for the G20
- Contribution to developing innovative data visualization and social media strategies

**Ideal Candidate Profile**

**Academic Background**
- A Master’s Degree in economics or another relevant discipline. A PhD would be a definite advantage
- Strong acquaintance with new analysis tools in particular in the fields of big data analytics and machine learning is particularly desirable

**Professional Background**
- Two or more years of experience in economic policy analysis
- Experience in project management
- Excellent drafting and communication skills

**Tools**
- Strong empirical and quantitative skills; proficiency with econometric methods for policy evaluation is an asset
Languages
- An excellent written, including drafting, and oral command of one of the two official languages of the OECD - English and French - and working knowledge of, or willingness to learn, the other.

Core Competencies
- For this role, the following competencies would be particularly important:
  - Achievement focus
  - Analytical thinking
  - Drafting skills
  - Teamwork
  - Strategic networking

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