HEAD OF THE PUBLIC ECONOMICS DIVISION (GRADE A5), ECONOMICS DEPARTMENT

Closing date for applications: 23 November 1992

Duties:

Under the supervision of the Director and Deputy Director of the Policy Studies Branch, the holder of this post is responsible for organising and directing the staff and work of the Public Economics Division, following related work and co-ordinating with other parts of the Department and with other Directorates. The principal activities of the Division are:

1. Assessing the implications for economic performance over the medium and long term of the stance of: fiscal policy; public-sector deficits; public debt; and the composition of public expenditures and receipts in OECD countries. Incorporating the implications of such assessment into the semi-annual cycle of work for the Economic Policy Committee (EPC).
2. Undertaking special studies on topics of current or prospective importance for microeconomic or macroeconomic policies, regarding the means through which the public sector seeks to achieve its specific objectives. In particular, lead the Department’s work on indicators of government assistance to economic activity.

3. Preparing documents for Working Party No. 1 of the EPC and related meetings of expert groups as well as participating in the planning and organisation of the meetings.


Principal qualifications:

1. Advanced degree in economics, including both macro- and micro-economic theory and preferably extensive experience in quantitative applied economic analysis.

2. Extensive knowledge of the application of economic reasoning to a wide range of policy questions. Experience of policy analysis, preferably at a responsible level, in a national administration or international organisation.

3. Proven ability to manage and supervise a team of economists. Ability to lead discussions in Committees and Working Parties and deal with senior officials and members of Delegations.

4. Knowledge of both official languages of the Organisation (English and French) and demonstrated ability to draft both technical and policy-oriented papers in at least one of them.