OFFICE CIRCULAR

ONE OR MORE POSTS OF ECONOMIST (GRADE A2/A3)
ECONOMICS DEPARTMENT

Closing date for applications: 4 March 1999

The OECD is an equal opportunity employer
and encourages applications from female candidates

Role

Under the supervision of a Senior Economist and/or the Head of one of the Division of the Economics Department, the main responsibility of the post-holder will be to conduct economic analyses of, and draft documents about, policy issues arising in fields covered by the Division.

Main Duties

1. Carry out cross-country or single-country economic analyses of issues of current policy relevance for one or more Committees and/or their Working Parties served by the Department. The topics covered will vary through time according to the work programme defined by the Committee(s) served, and may include both structural and macroeconomic issues, in the short or medium term.

2. Contribute to the semi-annual forecasting round of the Department. Participate in the development and maintenance of the analytical apparatus of the Department by identifying areas in which empirical work is necessary. Provide input for and comment on work done elsewhere in the Department in the relevant areas. Supervise the work of several statistical assistants.
3. Draft reports and articles summarising empirical knowledge, recent economic developments or policy issues, either for inclusion in the Department’s documentation (Working Papers, Economic Surveys, Economic Outlook, Economic Studies, Monographs) or for briefing senior officials. May produce press releases on specific subjects.

4. Maintain contacts with officials in national administrations, other international organisations and Member country delegations. Keep informed on economic policy developments in Member countries, and on developments in the academic literature. May participate in missions to Member or non-member countries.

5. Carry out other related duties as assigned.

Principal Qualifications and Core Competences

1. Advanced university degree in economics.

2. Very good, up-to-date, knowledge of micro- and macro-economic theory and of the general techniques of econometrics and statistics. Familiarity with models and empirical techniques is an advantage.

3. Several years’ experience in applied economic research and policy analysis, preferably in areas where international experiences and comparisons have been drawn on. Knowledge of the economies of one or more Member or major non-member countries.

4. Ability to work in a multicultural team, and to supervise support staff. Ability to work under pressure, and to meet strict deadlines.

5. Excellent knowledge of one of the Organisation’s official languages (English and French) including a high quality of drafting ability, and a working knowledge of the other language. Knowledge of other Member country languages or of major non-member country languages is an advantage.

N.B. The appointment may initially be made at the level immediately below if the qualifications and professional experience of the selected applicant correspond to that level; in this case, the duties and responsibilities assigned to the post will be adjusted accordingly.
GENERAL INFORMATION ON VACANCIES AND APPLICATIONS

Who may apply: Posts in the Organisation are open to both male and female nationals of Member countries. External candidates must be less than 65 years old at the time of appointment.

Closing date: The date shown is that at which the selection procedures begin officially. Applications received later will be considered only on an exceptional basis.

Duration of appointment: A fixed-term appointment (usually for two or three years, with the possibility of renewal) will be offered.

Grade of appointment: Posts are normally filled at the grade indicated. Some posts, however, may be filled provisionally at the level immediately below if the qualifications and professional experience of the chosen candidate correspond to that level and if such a possibility has been indicated on the vacancy notice. In this case, the duties and responsibilities assigned will be adjusted accordingly.

Place of work: Unless otherwise stated, work will be carried out in Paris. However, for some posts, occasional travel may be required.

Duties: The duties mentioned are the main duties to be carried out at the time of appointment. They may be modified according to the work programme of the Service or with the introduction of new work methods and/or equipment.

Qualifications: The qualifications listed are those which are most important to the performance of the duties mentioned. Their sequence is not an indication of the relative importance attached to them.

Tests: For some posts, candidates may be required to take a written or oral examination. The result will be a factor in the selection.

Interviews: The best-qualified candidates will be called for interview. Candidates who are not native speakers of either of the two official languages will be assessed at interview in the official language of their choice -- unless the post in question requires an excellent or very good knowledge of both languages in which case all candidates will be required at interview to demonstrate competency in the two languages.

Final selection: The final selection will be made on the basis of the qualifications, experience and core competences mentioned in the Vacancy Notice and in comparison with those of the other candidates. Unsuccessful candidates will be notified not later than one month after the appointment procedure has been completed.

How to apply: Those who wish to apply for this post should send a detailed Curriculum Vitae (indicating the vacancy reference number) to Human Resource Management, accompanied by supporting documentation, such as titles of publications and/or copies of diplomas, as appropriate. Other than employment history and educational background your CV must include your nationality, sex and birthdate.

November 1997