

Research Internship

in the Economic Analysis unit at the
OECD Centre for Entrepreneurship, SMEs, Regions and Cities

Application deadline: 5 February 2023

We are looking for highly qualified and motivated students with an economics background for a research-oriented internship. Successful candidates will have drafting as well as analytical skills, together with an interest in applying them in a policy context to better understand what supports SMEs, entrepreneurship, regional, urban, rural and local development.

You will join the team working on economic analysis within the [OECD](#) Centre for Entrepreneurship, SMEs, Regions and Cities. Current projects cover a range of topics from transport and infrastructure, to innovation and its diffusion, the local impact of foreign direct investments, skills demand and labour markets, regional productivity and wellbeing, dynamics of scaling up of SMEs and entrepreneurship.

We are currently recruiting interns for early 2023, but later timing can be agreed upon on a case-by-case basis.

Who can apply?

The Internship is open for students who:

- Are [OECD member country](#) nationals;
- Are enrolled in a full-time graduate degree programme (Master's or PhD) for the **entire duration of the internship** in economics, quantitative geography, or related fields (PhD level is strongly preferred);
- Are available for a **minimum period of three months** (a four- to six-month duration is preferred);
- Have an **excellent command of English** and good drafting and communication skills;
- Possess **solid quantitative research skills** and have some familiarity with statistical and econometric analytical tools such as Stata, R, or Python;
- Enjoy working in a **multicultural and international** team environment.

What do interns do?

Interns work on OECD projects jointly with a team of experienced economists and policy analysts, who are committed to ensuring that the internship is a highly formative experience. The internship is not designed to advance interns' own research agenda while at the OECD. Examples of work entrusted to interns include:

- Collecting, organising and analysing data, including with advanced econometrics tools;
- Contributing to the production of working papers, OECD publications, technical annexes, and other related documents;
- Carrying out critical literature reviews;
- Participating in meetings and seminars.

Contract duration, workplace and contribution to living expenses

The duration of the internship is typically for a period of three to six months (renewable up to twelve months) on a full-time basis (40 hours/week). Your posting can be either remote, in our headquarters

in Paris (France) or our Centre in Trento (Italy), taking your preferences into account. The OECD provides no salary for interns, but you will receive a contribution to living expenses of about EUR 700 per calendar month worked.

How can I apply?

- Please fill in and [submit this form](#) by **5 February 2023, 23:59 Paris time**.
- In addition, please send the following documents to CFE-EDS.Internship@oecd.org:
 - your CV;
 - a writing sample of recent academic work in English, preferably not co-authored (e.g., a term paper or a chapter of your PhD thesis);
 - a cover letter.

For any inquiry, do not hesitate to get in touch with CFE-EDS.Internship@oecd.org.

The selection process

- Shortlisted candidates will be invited to take a short written test, administered remotely, to assess their drafting skills and their ability to elaborate on simple economic and policy issues related to the work of the Unit. Candidates may also be asked to submit a quantitative test to assess their coding skills in Stata, R, or Python. The final step of the recruitment process will consist of a video interview with a few members of the Unit.
- Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted. The shortlisting will take approximately four to six weeks, depending on the number of candidates.