Economist - Graduate

Closing date for applications: 28th April 2024
Interviews: May 2024
Start date: September/October 2024
Location: Cambridge, Brussels, Budapest or Massachusetts
Salary: Competitive salary
Benefits: Hybrid and flexible working; individual training budget, Graduate Training Programme

To apply: Visit https://hr.breathehr.com/v/graduate-economist-34858 to download and complete our brief application form. Be sure to upload the completed form, your CV and cover letter before submitting your application. Incomplete applications will not be considered. If you have trouble you can contact Daisy Amphlett at careers@camecon.com for support.

Job description

Cambridge Econometrics (CE) is a leading independent economics consultancy, and listed by the Financial Times as a top Management Consultancy. Our analysis and insights are used by clients around the world to inform policy decisions about pressing challenges faced by society. The CE Group employs approximately 70 people globally in Cambridge, Brussels, Budapest and Northampton, MA, US. We provide economic and policy research in areas that we are interested in and that make a difference to people. Our clients include national and local governments, international organisations including the European Commission and the World Bank, as well as a range of non-governmental organisations and charities with policy concerns.

We are seeking collaborative and resourceful recent graduates to join CE’s Graduate Training Programme working in either our Society or Environment Team in one of our offices in Cambridge, Brussels, Budapest or Northampton, Massachusetts (US).

The Graduate Training Programme will mix consultancy work with training to support your development and will give you the opportunity to develop and deliver consultancy projects to help our clients (whether local, regional, national or international) meet their policy and strategy needs.

The role is ideally suited to a recent university graduate or someone with up to two years of relevant work experience.

Your responsibilities will include:

- conducting economic and policy analysis
- interpreting the client’s needs and designing analysis to meet those needs.
- undertaking quantitative and qualitative research to inform policy and strategic decision-makers
- drafting reports and other deliverables to effectively communicate the key messages from the analysis.
- drafting tenders for new business opportunities
• supporting business development by contributing to internal research projects and marketing activities

**Person specification**

We are looking for people who have:

**Required:**
- a first degree in economics or another relevant discipline at 2:1 or above; a master’s degree is preferable but not essential
- while we are mostly economists by training, we are very open to candidates from other disciplines if relevant policy analysis skills can be demonstrated
- a keen interest in making evidence-based analysis relevant to the needs of policy makers
- a demonstrable interest in the policy areas that form Cambridge Econometrics’ core business
- a proactive, resourceful and creative approach to problem solving and designing research to meet the client’s needs
- good communication and presentation skills, including the ability to identify and express clearly key messages in language appropriate to policy clients
- a capacity for both team-working and for working autonomously
- fluency in written and spoken English

**Advantageous:**
- Experience of conducting policy research and delivering economic consultancy projects
- strong IT skills - an aptitude for using programming languages (to handle large datasets and for computation) would be advantageous – Python is the main programming language at CE and training will be provided
- familiarity with socioeconomic data (such as national accounts and other official statistics) would be an advantage

*To apply, download our application form (Word or PDF), complete it, and follow the instructions on how to submit it along with an up-to-date CV and cover letter.*

Candidates will be required to have the right to work by the start of their employment.

**Working at Cambridge Econometrics**

Cambridge Econometrics is a leading provider of real-world, evidence-based economic analysis for policy assessment. As the trading arm of a charitable trust, we’re driven by a desire to make a difference, not just a profit. We do work that we are interested in and can feel proud of in partnership with our clients.

We look for people who can provide rigorous, quantitative analysis and deliver it to our clients with confidence and clarity. Our reputation is based on delivering penetrating insight, so we recruit and develop people with an ability to digest, interpret and summarize key messages.

Cambridge Econometrics is accredited as an Investors in People organisation at the Silver award level. In all parts of the organisation we like to stretch and challenge our staff, so they continue to learn, and develop their skills and experience. We offer a collaborative, supportive and inclusive environment, and a strong commitment to high-quality training and development from day one.
We offer a competitive benefit package, including flexible working arrangements. We are committed to promoting a diverse workforce and we welcome applications from under-represented communities and groups. A copy of our Equal Opportunities Policy is available on request.

Data protection: read our privacy policy to find out how we collect and process personal data relating to your application.