

Vacancy notice

Department: Economic and Social Policy
Post: **Economist**
Category: ITUC Grade VIII
Permanent post

We are seeking to fill the position of Economist to represent the ITUC in economic, employment and labour market policy making. The International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC) represents its affiliates within global governance and policy-setting fora.

The ITUC has affiliated organisations in 163 countries and territories that represent 207 million trade union members.

We offer an attractive salary and benefits package.

Job description:

The Economist keeps the international trade union movement informed of macro-economic and employment policy developments and advocates for trade union priorities including good public policy; coherence of workers' rights with social, economic and political inclusion; employment and industry policy, as well as sustainable development and measures for reducing inequality. A main pillar of economic advocacy is regulating economic power.

The Economist works within the Economic and Social Policy Department. Knowledge of European wage policy, collective bargaining and European economic governance/semester is an asset. The economist reports to the Director of the Economic and Social Policy Department.

Responsibilities will include:

- Research and prepare policy statements, information briefs and public and media communications on the policies and activities on global economic and social policy and development questions of concern to trade unions.
- Research and prepare economic briefings and submissions on specific policies, projects and programmes that are of concern to trade unions, including economic, employment and labour market policies in compliance with international labour standards.
- Respond to research requests from affiliates and provide analytical support for engagement between trade union affiliates and economic and social policy setting bodies at international, regional and national levels.
- Develop and maintain relations with economists in international bodies including the ILO, the G20, academics and researchers in relevant institutes and non-governmental and civil society organisations and networks.
- Undertake advocacy with international institutions and in experts' meetings and fora including policy debates.

Person specification:

- Experience in and/or demonstrated knowledge of the role and function of the trade union movement, particularly at the international level, including the range of policy and political economy issues that concern trade unions.
- University-level education in economics and labour studies or similar fields, or a combination of relevant experience and training.
- Strong research, presentation, advocacy and negotiation skills.
- Demonstrated knowledge about and/or research experience in international economics and evidence-based policy advice (minimum 5 years' experience).
- Fluency and excellent writing and verbal skills in English is essential; good knowledge of French or Spanish and other languages are an asset.
- Ability to present highly technical subjects, in writing and verbally, to high-level officials, political and opinion leaders.
- Flexibility and ability to work in a small team and under pressure to meet tight deadlines, with strong attention to detail.
- Availability to undertake international travel as required; and, once appointed, availability for daily commute to the office in Brussels.

The ITUC is an equal opportunity employer, and we encourage appropriately qualified candidates, especially women, candidates from developing countries and minorities, to apply.

Please send us:

1. A motivation letter
2. Your CV
3. A written response to the following questions:
 - a. Do you have experience working with different econometric models and methodology? YES/NO + examples
 - b. Can you demonstrate experience with handling and processing statistical data with programmes like Stata and SPSS? YES/NO + examples
 - c. Have you prepared periodic reviews of macroeconomic policies and their impact on the global (or national) economy like the ITUC Economic Briefing? YES/NO
 - d. Please share with us (attach or link) a report/study (preferably with use of econometric models) you have written and for which you are proud of and explain why you chose that particular report/study. (Max 100 words)
 - e. Can you point out at least one example of your work that relates to gender? (Max 50 words)
 - f. Please assess the societal relevance or impact of your work so far. (Max 100 words)
 - g. How would you employ your skills and experience to enhance the work of the ITUC? (Max 100 words)

Applications:

Closing date: Friday 8 November 2019 03:00 PM Brussels time.

Submit to: Personnel Officer – luc.vermeersch@ituc-csi.org