

Internship Position – Financing Water

Description

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The Climate, Biodiversity and Water Division (CBW) in the Environment Directorate is looking for a motivated intern to work on projects related to financing water and water economics within the Water Team of the Environment Directorate. The Water Team is an energetic, multidisciplinary team, active on topics such as water policy dialogues, water quality and water finance and economics. Examples of recent work by the Water Team can be found here: <http://www.oecd.org/water/>

Main Responsibilities

The candidate would primarily help with research and drafting of background papers on financing water-related investments in Africa, in preparation for the 10th meeting of the Roundtable on Financing Water (for more information, please visit: [The Roundtable on Financing Water - OECD](#)), which will be co-convened by the OECD and the African Development Bank in autumn 2023.

Under the guidance of the Roundtable coordinator and the Team leader, the intern will:

Research, data analysis and drafting

- Contribute to quantitative and qualitative research on financing water-related investments in Africa (including data collection and analysis, literature reviews, country case studies, seminar proceedings, etc.).
- Draft well-researched, accurate and clearly written background documentation on financing water and water economics, with a focus on Africa (accessible and impactful for a range of different audiences, both specialist and non-specialist).
- Contribute to the drafting of the Roundtable discussion highlights.

Stakeholder engagement and events

- Contribute to the organisation of the Roundtable meeting, including the elaboration of the agenda and, where appropriate, engagement with potential speakers, moderators and participants.
- Participate in the Roundtable meeting in Abidjan and contribute, with the team, to the meeting logistics.

The candidate will also be exposed to other streams of work in the Water Team, such as the Global Observatory on Financing Water.

Ideal Candidate Profile

Academic

- Full time student in a discipline related to economics, finance, political sciences, environmental sciences or a related discipline;
- Enrolment in a Master's degree or higher is desirable.

Professional experience and skills

- Fields experience or training in a subject relevant to development finance and economics;
- Ability in conducting qualitative and quantitative analyses and making policy-relevant recommendations;
- Excellent writing skills and ability to expressing ideas in English: proven ability to draft short and long pieces is essential;
- Knowledge about financing water or financing climate action is desirable.

Languages

- Written and spoken fluency in English;
- Knowledge of other OECD languages would be an asset.

Core Competencies

- For this role, the following competencies would be particularly important: achievement focus, drafting skills, analytical thinking, teamwork and organisational skills.

Practical matters

This offer is for a full-time position for 6 months starting in June 2023. Applicants need to be enrolled in university for the full duration of the internship.

The internship will take place at the OECD office in Boulogne-Billancourt (France), but remote working arrangements can be considered depending on future COVID-related conditions.

Interns at the OECD do not receive a salary. However, the OECD grants a contribution to living expenses of around 1000 euros per calendar month worked.

Interested candidates are invited to send their CV and a short motivation email including their potential start date to:

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More information about internships at the OECD can also be found at the following link: <https://www.oecd.org/careers/internship-programme/>