



Job description English

Intern positions – Water team

Description

The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), based in Paris, is a global economic forum working with 38 member countries and more than 100 emerging and developing economies to make better policies for better lives. Our mission is to promote policies that will improve the economic and social well-being of people around the world. The Organisation provides a unique forum in which governments work together to share experiences on what drives economic, social and environmental change, seeking solutions to common problems.

The Environment Directorate (ENV) supports governments in identifying and implementing the environmental policies needed to support a cleaner, more resource-efficient and low-carbon green growth path. The ENV team is made up of environmental economists, analysts, statisticians and scientists who collect data and indicators, review country performance, undertake cross-country analysis and provide policy recommendations.

The Water Team of the Climate, Biodiversity and Water Division (CBW) in the Environment Directorate is seeking to fill several internship positions. 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

This posting is seeking several different profiles.

Water policy research

- Contribute to the implementation of National Water Policy Dialogues, exploring policy solutions to country specific water security challenges such as water scarcity, delivering water supply and sanitation services, pollution, financing water and implementation of water technologies.
- Conduct research on water-policy related areas, such as economic regulation for water supply and sanitation, policy actions to improve water quality, water allocation mechanisms, assessing the enabling conditions to attract investments to the water sectors.
- Contribute to quantitative and qualitative research on financing water-related investments (including data collection and analysis, literature reviews, country case studies, seminar proceedings, etc.), to contribute to the work of the Roundtable on Financing Water
- Draft well-researched, accurate and clearly written analysis on these topics and identify and document international good practices and case studies.

Stakeholder engagement

- Contribute to the organisation of interviews, focus groups, and workshops.

Overall work on water

- Contribute to corporate tasks, such as preparing briefing documents, speeches and interventions for senior staff members;
- Contribute to *ad hoc* activities related to the Dialogue as needed.

Ideal Candidate Profile

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Academic

- Full time student in a discipline related to environmental economics, environmental policy, environmental science, engineering, public policy, or a related discipline;
- Enrolment in a Master's degree or higher is desirable.

Professional experience and skills

- Excellent research, analytical and drafting skills, including developing policy-relevant recommendations;
- Excellent writing skills and ability to expressing ideas: proven ability to draft short and long pieces is essential;
- Knowledge of water sectors (water supply and sanitation, wastewater, irrigation, environmental protection) is highly desirable. In addition, knowledge of specific fields such as finance, economics and economic regulation is beneficial.
- Data analysis skills are highly desirable.

Languages

- Written and spoken fluency in English;
- Knowledge of French 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 August/September 2025. Applicants need to be enrolled in university for the full duration of the internship. Applicants for internships should be nationals of an OECD member country.

The intern position will take place at the OECD office in Boulogne-Billancourt (France), with the possibility of teleworking based on the OECD corporate guidance.

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 apply [here](#) and to send their CV and a short motivation email including their potential start date to Jennifer.TIMMINS@oecd.org.

Deadline for applications is 1 August 2025. Please use the subject line "[INTERNSHIP APPLICATION F2025] Water Policies and Finance" in your email.

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

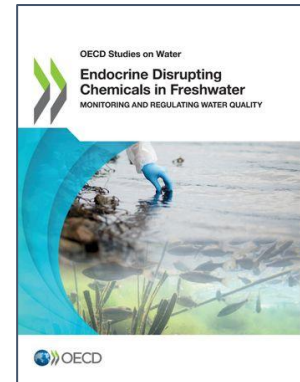
Work of our previous interns

We understand that you will be investing time and other resources in an internship at the OECD. To give you an impression of what you can get in return, here some samples of the work of our interns:



← Writing background notes and organising the Roundtable on Financing Water in Africa

Writing chapters, conducting interviews and workshops on endocrine disrupting chemicals →



Developing an automated assessment tool of the [enabling conditions for investments in water](#) →

← Analysed options for Nature-based Solutions in Municipalities in Hungary

